

Kiowa County BOCC Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on January 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Lening opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance:

Donald Oswald, Chairman
Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
Mike Lening, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Landfill: Jeff Scranton, Landfill Manager; entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to review the trash/debris that was brought in for the 2020 year. There was 2,297,100 pounds of trash brought in which includes cardboard, metal, trees/branches and other waste. Scranton reported that the landfill served 1,273 customers and brought in \$74,800.00 for the 2020 year. Scranton asked if they could possibly close one other day of the week in order to get caught up on the recycling. The BOCC agreed that every other Thursday would be set for recycling.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the **Swearing In ceremony** for the two commissioners at 10:09 a.m. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Cindy McCloud, member of the Kiowa County Historic Preservation Board; entered the meeting to discuss the State Historical Grant that the Historic Preservation Board would like to apply for. Lening moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the grant application for the Kiowa County Historical Board. Motion carried. McCloud thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried. By consensus the BOCC approved the agenda as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Craig Brooks, Building Inspector for the Town of Lamar; will do the final inspection for a Certificate of Occupancy on Friday, January 15. Adamson will do a final walk through with Mr. Brooks.

Adamson reported the **final payment** from the State Historic Fund will be coming in for the Murdock Addition.

Kemma Alfano, Librarian for the Kiowa County Library District; entered the meeting to provide an update as well as ask questions in regards to the Wissel portion of the Murdock Buildings. Adamson advised the Senior Citizens had some concerns about sharing the space. There are questions regarding maintenance and cleaning. Oswald said another concern would be the HV AC system and how they would divide the cost of the utilities. Alfano requested a meeting with the BOCC, Senior Citizens and the Library Board. Adamson will schedule a time that all entities can attend., Alfano exited the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Lakes Update: Adamson will contact Duane Helton, Water Consultant, who has been involved in engineering for water conservation and will assist the Board in finding more information regarding obtaining water for the Great Plains Reservoirs Recreation Project. Don Lynn and David Kraft will

be working on the designing of OHV tracks at Nee Gronda Reservoir and will try to provide a design plan in the next month.

COVID-19: Adamson reported the new Small Business Relief Grant will be available to local businesses in the near future.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the meeting for lunch at 11 :45 a.m. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1 :03 p.m.

Dennis Pearson, Social Service Director; entered the meeting at 1 :03 p.m. to provide an update for their office and seek approval of Don Steerman, as the County Attorney for Social Services. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve Don Steerman as County Attorney for the Department of Social Services at a rate of \$125.00 per hour. Motion carried. Pearson exited the meeting at 1 :25 p.m.

Re-organizational meeting: All appointed and volunteers to the different boards for Kiowa County will be available for review at the Commissioner's Office.

Russell Watson, a member of the Kiowa County Fire Department; entered the meeting to discuss the date of September 25, 2021 for a demolition derby to be held at the Kiowa County Fairgrounds. Watson also inquired information on a beer garden. Chairman Oswald explained the process for requesting a license for a beer garden. By consensus of the BOCC the date requested was approved. Watson thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Meeting and Reports were reviewed.

Time off Reports: Oswald moved to approve the one time off request. Lening second the motion. Motion carried.

Liquor License Fee Waiver: Commissioner Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Liquor License Fee Waiver for the Golf Course. This is due to Covid-19 issues.

Fair Board Application: Robertson moved to appoint Tabatha Ferris to the Fair Board. Lening second the motion. Motion carried.

Pearson Building Purchase Agreement: Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to submit the purchase agreement between the County and Pearson's. This agreement can be terminated if one or the other entities so choose and are done within 6 months. This purchase depends on the abilities for grant funding for Kiowa County. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the new **Paid Time Off policy**. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson second the motion to move into **executive session** at 4:06 p.m. Motion carried. This is in regards to Title 24, Article 6, Section 402 (F) (I). personnel matters. Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to move back into regular session at 4:13 p.m.

With no other business to discuss Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.

/s/ Donald Oswald Chairman

County Clerk