

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - July 29, 2021

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on July 29, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman, Donald Oswald. Lening opened the meeting with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance:

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

Minutes: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the July 15, 2021; minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Mike Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: Lening moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda with additions: OLD BUSINESS: Sales Tax Question, Planning & Zoning, Electrical Bids Pearson Building and in NEW BUSINESS CSGB Discussion Motion carried.

Cindy McCloud entered the meeting at 09:20 a.m. to discuss the State Historic Grant she has applied for to update the Legion Hall. Lening moved to sign the Grant Application for the State Historic and Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried. At this time the Grant amount is \$250,000.00. McCloud at this time said she is not aware if there will be any matching funds for this.

McCloud exited the meeting at 09:49 a.m.

Eric with Hoidale and District 1 Road & Bridge Foreman, Allen Watts entered the meeting at 09:50 a.m. to discuss the status of the diesel tank at the Sheridan Lake County Shop. Eric with Hoidale presented an estimate as to how much it would cost to lay a concrete pad and putting in a double lined tank with submersible pump, just to get the County in State compliance. Hoidale will make sure all permits are filed with the State. The BOCC thanked Eric for his time and said they would discuss more before making any decision. Eric exited the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Foreman Watts stayed a bit longer to discuss the situation. Foreman Watts exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the Board of Health Meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried. Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to move out of the Board of Health meeting and back into regular session at 10:55 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates/HP Legion Hall LOS: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the Letter of Support for the County Historic Preservation. Motion carried.

Administrator Adamson advised that some of the Road & Bridge will meet on Saturday, July 31 to assist in setting up the Inflatable toys at 8:00 a.m. for the Main Street Bash.

Employee Appreciation Day: Lening moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve an appreciation day for August 13, 2021. This will be a training day for the Courthouse and Social Service employees to learn to set up the large inflatable toys for the upcoming fair.

SCEDD Housing Project MOU & Resolution: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve Kiowa County Resolution 2021-08 for the Southeast Colorado Regional Workforce Housing Project. Motion carried. Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

County Treasurer, Diana Flory and Chief Deputy Linda Watts and Dawna Peck, Human Resource/Financial Officer; entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the new financial program they plan to utilize, starting August 12. Those three exited the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Elevator Repairs: A review of the elevator bill was discussed. There were \$1100.00 in repairs for the Courthouse elevator.

Sales Tax Question: Administrator Adamson presented a letter that she had prepared to send to all households in Kiowa County in regard to the 1.5 percent tax the County is proposing. Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the letter of information. Motion carried.

The Sales Tax informational meetings will be held on August 16, 19 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess for lunch. Motion carried at 11:56 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Eunice Weber, Kiowa County Ambulance Director; entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to request approval for an upcoming grant. Lening moved and Robertson seconded the motion, to approve the Southeastern Colorado Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council Grant Application. Motion carried. Weber reported that there were 11 runs for July. There have been 61 ambulance calls so far, for the 2021 year.

Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to **sign the Authorized Official Certification Statement** for the Clinic and Group Practices. Tracking ID# T050720210001107. Motion carried.

Weber thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Planning and Zoning: There will be a Public Hearing on August 12, 2021; for the Met Towers. It will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting room.

Pearson Building: Discussion followed with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting and Reports were signed.

Time Off Requests: Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the one-time *off* request. Motion carried.

Old Senior Citizen Building: Administrator Adamson reported that Mr. Charles Day would possibly like to put a thrift store in Eads. Adamson will invite Mr. Day to the next meeting to discuss further.

Hospital Board Letter of Interest: The BOCC will interview the person of interest on August 3-

Regional Mobility Manager Letter of Support: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Regional Mobility of Support Letter. Motion carried.

Fair board Information: County Clerk, Weeks had been in contact with the Department of Alcohol and Tobacco, and they did confirm that there would need to be an amended version to the Liquor License Application in order for the Fair board to allow alcohol in the grandstands for the Demolition Derby in September. This amended version would cost the fair board \$300.00. Discussion followed with the following action being taken. By consensus of the BOCC, it was agreed NOT to allow beer in the Grandstands. Motion carried.

Jeff Scranton, Landfill Operator entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m. to review the Free Dump Day totals. Discussion followed with no action taken. Scranton reported that the Landfill has taken in 282,633 pounds of trash, yard waste, metal, cement and e-waste for the month of July.

With no further business to discuss, Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m. Motion carried.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF KIOWA STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8

RE: Southeast Colorado Regional Workforce Housing Project - Request to allocate local government American Rescue Plan Act Funding to regional non-profit organization, Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. (SECED)

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, signed into law, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to address matters related to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury, further identifies 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocates \$350 billion in fiscal relief funding for States, territories, Tribal governments, counties, cities, and small local governments; and

WHEREAS, among other eligible uses, under the section identified as Building Stronger Communities through Investments in Housing and Neighborhoods, the eligible use identifies investment in affordable housing development to increase supply of affordable and high-quality living units; and

WHEREAS, Kiowa County wishes to participate in the Southeast Colorado Regional Workforce Housing Project to build affordable and attainable workforce housing in the region and has approved the allocation of funding to the regional non-profit, Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. (SECED) to act on behalf of the region to administer the project in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, Kiowa County wishes to assign a representative to work directly with Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. and the Southeast Colorado Regional Workforce Housing Project in the planning and development of regional workforce housing in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kiowa County Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and approves the submittal of Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. 's request for funding, a minimum of 4% not to exceed 8.5% of the total allocation of Kiowa County's American Rescue Plan Act funding and directs that the award amount be included in a supplemental appropriation to the County budget identified as American Rescue Plan Act funding to be used in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding scope of work guidelines;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners accepts the request from Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. 's to be the fiscal and management agent for the allocated funds of the Southeast Colorado Regional Workforce Housing Project and act in the best interest of the County regarding the project and assigns the following representative to collaborate with Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc. on the Southeast Colorado Regional Workforce Housing Project.

The Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kiowa, State of Colorado.

Dated: July 29, 2021

Donald Oswald, Chairman

Howard "Butch" Robertson

Michael Lening

ATTEST:

Delisa Weeks Kiowa County Clerk