

Kiowa County Commissioners meeting minutes - June 15, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Commissioner Lening opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 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 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Agenda: Oswald moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda with the following additions:

- Old Business: Road & Bridge Concerns and New Business-Employee Resignation. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Landfill/Recycling: Adamson reported there were two loads of cardboard and a half load of plastics transported to the recycling center.

Planning and Zoning Update/1041 Setback Regulations/ 1041 Special

Review/2018 IBC-IECC: The Planning and Zoning Board did not meet in June. Adamson reported there were no permits pending at this time.

Redistricting Update: Adamson will contact DOLA in regard to the redistricting: The mapping that Colorado College provided has not been beneficial for the redistricting guidelines.

Road & Bridge Concerns: Commissioner Robertson asked if the school could use or rent the bucket truck for 1 hour. Oswald moved to waive the \$35.00 per hour fee and if any breakdowns occur it is up to the renter to pay the repair. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Terry Ferrington with Clearway entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the possibility of placing the gen-tie transmission lines in county Right of Way. After further discussion, Oswald said the county is reluctant to make that decision at this time. Mr. Ferrington thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Upcoming Minutes and Reports were reviewed and signed.

Time off Requests: Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the time off requests. Motion carried.

Maintenance Issues: The Seniors Citizens building plumbing trouble which then caused the Sand Creek facility to have issues. There are multiple leaks when it rains at both buildings that need to be addressed. The BOCC agreed to get them taken care of as soon as possible.

Fairgrounds Rental: Pavilion use will be by donation only for Kiowa County residents needing the facility to practice or prepare for events. Residents still need to contact the Commissioners Office to schedule use and sign a waiver. All other use of the pavilion or other parts of the fairground's facility requires a rental agreement and includes the required documentation and fees for use. All use of the facility is scheduled with the Commissioner's Office staff.

Towner East Wind Project-Designation of State Interest: Lening moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the Designation of State Interest. Motion carried.

Towner West Wind Project-Designation of State Interest: Robertson moved, and Oswald seconded the motion to sign the Designation of State Interest for the Towner West Wind Project. Motion carried.

Employee Resignation: Brenda Smith, West End Senior Center Coordinator sent a Letter of Resignation to the BOCC. The Board of Commissioners would like to thank Ms. Smith for her time and services.

Oswald moved and Lening seconded to recess for lunch at 11:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Dennis Pearson entered the meeting to present an agreement for Prowers County Child Welfare Technician, Shani Comer. Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to sign the agreement for Shani Comer to continue as the Child Support Technician for Kiowa County.

Pearson then presented an IGA between the El Paso County Human Services and Kiowa County Human Services. Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve to sign the Chafee Program which El Paso County Human Services provides Child Welfare for children which are transitioning from child to adult self-sufficiency. Motion carried.

Pearson then discussed the windshield issues the 2016 Ford Van has. Pearson said it leaked severely on a recent transport Social Services had to do. The BOCC agreed to have the windshield replaced as soon as possible.

He requested to use some of the remaining TANF Funds toward the Kiowa County Library District. These funds could assist in buying a new computer and hot spots for some of the school aged students. After further discussion, Oswald moved, to allocate \$10,000.00 dollars to the Kiowa County Library. Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried. These funds must be transferred by June 30, 2023.

Mr. Pearson thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Courthouse Maintenance Director, Nick Johnson, entered the meeting to discuss some of the problems that have been arising around the county buildings. He was also asked to be present for an interview.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to move into executive session at 1:26 p.m. for personal matters. (Interview) Motion carried.

Oswald moved, and Lening seconded the motion to move out of executive session and back to regular session at 1:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve hiring Bobby Sinka as a part time fairgrounds maintenance person. Motion carried.

Assessor GIS System: Kiowa County Assessor, Marci Miller and Tony Pelletiere with Sidwell GIS Software entered the meeting to provide information on a GIS software program. This system would assist in providing information for the consumer requesting a location of a house or land by computer. Also the GIS system would be able to create an address for a new house that is being built, customizing mapping and assisting in acreage calculations.

Mr. Pelletiere completed his presentation and exited the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Assessor Miller then provided an online presentation with Schneider Company on their GIS System. Miller said both companies have good information for the consumer to request but felt overall Schneider was the most user friendly. She thanked the BOCC for taking consideration into a GIS system and exited the meeting at 3:35 p.m. No decisions were made.

Oswald moved and Lening second the motion to hire E-3 Consulting to review the permits and the environmental studies for the 1041 Permit applications. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held June 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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