

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on April 25, 2011. Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Commissioner
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Debra C. Lening, County Clerk
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Emergency Management Director Chris Sorensen met with the Commissioners to present the "StormReady" Plan for Kiowa County for review and adoption. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adopt the "StormReady" Plan as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative. May 6th at 10:30 a.m. will be the formal acknowledgement presentation for "StormReady".

The vouchers were reviewed. Three vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

Minutes from the April 12, 2011 Regular Meeting was presented. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald to adopt Resolution #2011-2 regarding transportation of fuels on state highways, specifically Hwy 385 and Hwy 96, to wit:

Resolution #2011-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the consensus of the Kiowa County Commissioners is to encourage Colorado Department of Transportation, C-DOT, to review certain state highways in Kiowa County for the purposes of the efficient and safe flow of Gasoline, Diesel, and Liquefied Petroleum Gas as noted under Colorado revised statute 42-20-301(1). And to encourage C-DOT and the Transportation Commission to forward a proposal to the Colorado State Patrol to ultimately allow their transport on selected regional state highways.

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Kiowa County, Colorado, and

Whereas, Kiowa County has chosen to allow the free transportation of gasoline, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas products on county roads under our jurisdiction, and

Whereas, several state highways in the region, and specifically Highway 385 and Highway 96 in Kiowa County, have been historically removed from the network of state highways that businesses engaged in the safe transportation of the above materials can use, and

Whereas, local business leaders have approached the County Commissioners and asked for our support in encouraging C-DOT to expeditiously review the state highways in SE Colorado, and

Whereas, C-DOT has promulgated a procedure where they can review the state highways in question, and

Whereas, business leaders have indicated that efficiencies in the transportation of these products could lead to less aggregate miles traveled and cost savings that our constituencies could benefit from, and

Whereas, after reviewing the state highways in our region, C-DOT would then petition the Colorado State Patrol to review the routes as required by statute, and

Whereas, The Colorado State Patrol has the statutory obligation to review and enforce the Hazardous Materials Routes in the state and changes requested by a petitioning authority

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Colorado, that as part of the request for revision of the state highways in our region by the Colorado Petroleum Marketers Association and the Colorado propane Gas association the C-DOT, we encourage C-DOT to review these routes in our county and support the transportation of Gasoline, Diesel, and Liquefied Petroleum products on them.

Adopted this 25th day April, 2011.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KIOWA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO:

/s/ Debra C. Lening
Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Richard Scott
Richard Scott, Chairman
/s/ Donald Oswald
Donald Oswald, Commissioner

/s/ Bill Koehler
Bill Koehler, Commissioner

All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The new loader was delivered April 20th.

The application for Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) grant money for the transit van was received. This would be a 50% match grant and could be applied toward salaries. There is a grant workshop May 18th that explains this process. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to send Administrator Peggy Dunlap and Administrative Assistant Krissy Ray to the workshop. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor.

Salaries for the Road and Bridge foremen were discussed. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to increase the two lower paid Road and Bridge foremen's salaries to Rick Spady's base pay, and to increase Spady's salary an additional \$50 per month for his spraying certification to make all foremen salaries equitable. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding Day Care and the holiday schedule. Day Care will remain closed on holidays until further notice.

The Commissioners discussed Zoning and Planning issues. They would like to receive applications of interest for persons interested in being on the Zoning and Planning Commission. Commissioner Scott feels that each commissioner district should be represented equally on the Zoning and Planning Board. This will be discussed further at the next Zoning and Planning meeting.

Bill Dutro with the Otero Junior College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in La Junta met with the Commissioners and presented the Network Annual Report for 2010. For the six-county area in Southeast Colorado there were 160 clients counseled, 143 training attendees, 72 jobs created, 19 jobs retained, 24 businesses started, \$22,500 increased sales, and \$6,911,698 in capital formation. SBDC still has grant money available for small businesses that are in need. These funds would pay for professional counseling for these businesses. The small business would have to be registered with the State to qualify for the counseling services. This could include web design assistance, marketing efforts, accounting advice, and so forth. SBDC would like to be contacted if there are any small businesses that would like this service or if there are any people who would like to do the counseling for these businesses. SBDC will work one-on-one with the businesses and/or counselors to pair them up.

There was continued discussion regarding the County taking over the management of the Community Building in 2012. They will continue conversations with the Fair Board regarding this matter. The septic system serving the fairgrounds needs replaced to include a septic tank and leach field. This does not include the septic system for the Community building, which is separate and is operating properly. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to put in a new septic tank and leach field at the fairgrounds as quickly as possible. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler reported on the Workforce meeting he had recently attended and stated that Las Animas County and Huerfano County will both join the Southeastern District effective July 1, 2011, changing it from a 6-county district to an 8-county district. This will bring in more money for Workforce administration. Workforce meets quarterly.

The Brandon fire clean up is still pending.

Oswald reported on Sage Services. Sage is still running in the red, which threatens the viability of the service.

The Murdock Building was discussed. Commissioner Scott would like to know what the rent payment will be from the National Parks Service. He would like to discuss this matter with Alexa Roberts. This issue may be discussed at the Murdock Building Project meeting April 26th at 10:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Eads.

Cattle signage that was requested for mile marker 128 East bound and mile marker 133 West bound at Arlington is still not in place. CDOT will be contacted again.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

A letter of notification was received by the Commissioners' office that Eastern Colorado Utility Co. has changed hands.

The 2011 CSGB Grant for the transit van rider in the amount of \$1,300 was discussed. The grant has been \$5,000 in the past, but due to lack of funds, the amount was dropped to \$1,300. The reporting requirements remain the same even though the amount is much less. Since it will cost more to process the required documentation required by the grant than what will be received, it was decided to not apply for the grant at this time, noting that it may be revisited in another grant cycle if the amount is comparable to what it previously has been.

Commissioner Koehler said he felt all surplus equipment needs to be dealt with and either sold or hauled off. The list will be put in the paper for bids. Whatever is not sold at bid will be sold for scrap metal.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to recess the Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for the Public Health Administrative Assistant position. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 4:10 p.m.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to hire Carrie Roberson for the Public Health Administrative Assistant position. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be May 12, 2011.

With no further business, Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.