

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on October 27, 2011. Commissioner Oswald 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

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor.

Minutes from the November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. Vouchers were approved and signed.

The Library is requesting assistance with the Library insurance expense. The Commissioners said they would not be able to budget for that at this time, but they will evaluate again at a later date.

Three Day Care director applications were received. The Commissioners will interview the applicants the morning of December 1, 2011. Education for the teachers was discussed. If the County pays for the tuition, the teachers need to work for one full year. If they leave employment prior to that, the tuition will be deducted from their check.

The Prairie Pines Assisted Living (PPAL) roof issue was discussed. A voucher for \$3,500 is being held until the work is completed.

The Lower Arkansas Valley Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (LAVAA) members and alternates were discussed. New members need to be appointed. The current members have exceeded their term limits and are eligible to be alternates, but not voting members again for at least one year.

The transit van use on weekends was discussed. To charter the van, the users would have to pay all fees and overtime wages for the use of the van, including wear and tear on the vehicle, fuel and fluids, \$20 per hour for the driver plus the driver's meals at a per diem of \$40 per day, and \$2.00 per mile for the vehicle.

There was discussion regarding an exchange of vacation and sick leave hours, which would entail a sick leave bank. This is not in the policy at this time. No action was taken as more details are needed.

Eunice Weber met with the Commissioners regarding ambulance driver permits. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the ambulance driver permits for Jack Howard, Cherie Hopkins, Sharon Frazee and Monte Stum. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Weber also gave an update report on radios and GPS systems for the ambulances that grants were received for.

Ervin Mitchek met with the Commissioners to visit about oil companies and permits that need to be in place prior to the companies drilling. Also, he stated that something needs to be in place regarding reclamation of the land after they move out. Mitchek said he would be available to help in any way. Mitchek has land in Cheyenne and Kiowa County.

County healthcare issues for 2012 were discussed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, that the County will contribute the same dollar amount to the HSA program as in 2011. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Time off request forms were approved and signed.

A resolution was received for review from CCI regarding "fracking", calling for disclosure of the types and amounts of chemicals used for "fracking." The Commissioners will discuss further at the CCI conference before adopting any resolution.

Road Forman Allen Wade Watts met with the Commissioners regarding a loader. It appears that the engine went out on the loader and they are researching to see what it will take to fix it, if possible.

Road Forman Rick Spady met with the Commissioners to discuss a semi-truck tractor.

Jackie Brown from the Prowers County Public Health Agency met with the Commissioners to discuss Public Health Agency Director position options. To contract with the Prowers County Public Health Agency the cost would be \$50,677, of which \$19,392 would be the schools' costs. The Commissioners will make a decision at their next Commissioner's meeting in December.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to postpone the adoption of the budget until December 1st at a Special Meeting. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be December 15th.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn at 3:38 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.