

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on August 13, 2013. Donald Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Those attending were:

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

Minutes from the July 25, 2013 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. One voucher was questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

The agenda was reviewed. Item #9 Liquor License Letter was moved from Old Business to New Business at Item #7. Also added to New Business were the following items - #3 – Meeting Room, #4 - R&B Items, #5 – 51st State, and #6 – Personnel issues. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda with additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The three year gravel lease with the new owners for the Peters Pit was reviewed. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the lease with Alvin L. and Deanna L. Russell for the Peters Gravel Pit for three years. All Commissioners voted affirmative. There was discussion regarding possibly needing to re-write all gravel pit leases at some point.

Bill Dutro with Southeast Development met with the Commissioners to update them on activities through the first seven months of 2013. He stated that there are five active clients in Kiowa with the possibility of one more coming on board. The capital formation goal for 2013 was \$3,000,000 and the actual through the first seven months was \$4,347,987, which is a 145% increase.

The Commissioners reviewed the valuation for 2014. Assessor Weirich met with them to discuss the valuation. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign the Abstract of Assessment for 2013. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion during the July 11th meeting regarding property that KCEDF had given the Senior Citizens which was ultimately transferred to the Board of Kiowa County Commissioners that was suppose to be used for the Senior Citizens Center. The Commissioners agreed at that time to deed the property back to KCEDF for re-purposing. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, for the Commissioners to sign the Quitclaim Deed to KCEDF for the property, described as:

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE NE1/4SW1/4 OF SEC. 22, T18S, R48W, OF THE 6TH P.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 OF SAID SEC. 22 AS MONUMENTED BY A 5/8" REBAR AND 2" ALUMINUM CAP MARKED PLS 12103 AND CONSIDERING THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SW1/4, (AS MONUMENTED BY A SIMILAR REBAR AND CAP AT ITS EAST END), BEARING N. 89° 28' 57" E., WITH ALL OTHER BEARINGS CONTAINED HEREIN BEING RELATIVE THERETO; THENCE N. 89° 28' 57" E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SW1/4, A DISTANCE OF 1360.51 FEET; THENCE S. 0° 31' 03"E., 37.82 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S. 89° 41' 56"E., 142.00 FEET; THENCE S. 0° 31' 03"E., 200.00 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 41'56"W., 142.00 FEET; THENCE N. 0° 31' 03"W., 200.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE TRACT CONTAINS 0.65 ACRES.

All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Road and Bridge foreman Rodney Hopkins' retirement celebration was discussed.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to advertise for a Road and Bridge loader operator. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The applications will be due August 27th, interviews will be done August 28th, and a decision will be made August 29th.

The fairgrounds maintenance was discussed. The Commissioners stated that Mike, Nick and Cody have done an excellent job cleaning up the fairgrounds. The Commissioners need to meet with the Fair Board and put together a list of priorities for improvements to begin applying for grants.

Area Extension Agent Bruce Fickenscher and Extension 4-H Agent for Cheyenne and Kiowa County Amy Kelley met with the Commissioners to present the Colorado State University Extension Quarterly Report and Farm & Ranch Newsletter.

Director of Emergency Management Nancy McCain met with the Commissioners regarding meetings and who covers for her when she's gone. McCain wants to attend the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) training during the fair.

Interim Public Health Director Tammie Clark, Jo Lynn Idler, and Keith Siemsen with Southeast Environmental Health met with the Commissioners to discuss Public Health updates. They reported that the WIC (Women,

Infants & Children) program will be starting back up two days a month. It had previously been only one day a month.

Keith Siemsen and Sheriff Frazee met with the Commissioners to discuss mosquito control. They discussed educating the public to continue to make them aware of West Nile and remind people to use insect repellent with DEET to prevent contracting the disease. There is no cure for West Nile, so prevention is the best medicine!

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to authorize CDOT to remove the right-of-way fence along the highway on the east side of the fairgrounds. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners report was reviewed.

The TV tower report was reviewed.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the CSBG Performance Report Request for Reimbursement. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the courthouse meeting room. There have been several times it has been rented and not cleaned back up after use. The Commissioners have tried to keep the rent lower in this area but the cost to clean it if the renters don't is a huge cost to the taxpayers. They feel the citizens should have more respect for the facility. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to add a \$50 refundable deposit for cleaning. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The Commissioners feel this will not be an imposition on the renters that already practice cleaning after use.

There was discussion regarding the 51st State issue. The Commissioners are not interested in pursuing this at this time.

There was personnel discussion.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign a Letter of Authorization for the Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center (CLCEC) to host a beer garden on September 22, 2013 at the fairgrounds for the Pedal the Plains Event. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Sheriff Frazee met with the Commissioners to discuss purchasing a drug dog with the Model Traffic Code Surcharge fees. The dog is a two year old, trained drug dog and will have two handlers in the department. After much discussion, the Commissioners stated that if they approve the purchase, they will require a report on what the dog does while on duty. The Sheriff stated that the dog helps deter the drug problem; it will not stop the drug problem. Koehler stated that he didn't feel a dog is necessary at this time. The Sheriff stated that he needs the tools to do his job. After further discussion, Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to purchase the dog with the condition that there are monthly reports of the results of this dog. Scott and Oswald voted aye; Koehler voted nay. The motion carried.

Foremen Rick Spady and Allen Wade Watts met with the Commissioners regarding Road & Bridge matters. Koehler discussed his idea of combining the R&B districts and having two road districts with two foremen instead of three road districts. He said he thought it would increase productivity and make a smoother operation. After much discussion, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to form an East and West R&B district with Highway 287 dividing the two districts, with the equipment and personnel staying as is with the exception of a third road foreman. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to increase the two foremen's current salary by \$600 per month for one year, and after that, if this arrangement works out, to increase their current salary by \$800 per month (an additional \$200 increase per month), and if this arrangement does not work, the foremen are to maintain the \$600 per month. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be held August 29, 2013.

With no further business, Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.