

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR APRIL 29, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on April 29, 2014. Scott 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

Cindy McCloud and William Wilcox attended as visitors.

Minutes from the April 15, 2014 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. One voucher was questioned. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve and sign all but one of the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Five additions were made, to wit: Old Business - #8 – Phillips County Proposal; #9 – Trash Service; #10 – Transit Van; #11 – Towner Line; and #12 – National Heritage Area. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with additions. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Liability for the shooting range was discussed. Per CTSI, the area needs more signage. The Commissioners will talk with the Division of Wildlife and Hunter Safety to see if they would like to help with the signage and to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the County for use of the area involved.

The subject of Emergency Management Coordinator applications was discussed. The position is at a standstill and will have to be re-advertised, but it was not defined who would do this. Sheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners to discuss this matter. Scott said he felt they (the Commissioners) still want to pursue this matter. He said he feels all the Commissioners should be involved in the selection process. The Sheriff said he was disillusioned with how the selection process was handled last time. Koehler stated he sees no need in hiring and training a person for a State job. Scott stated this position should be handled just like a Road and Bridge new hire, even though this person would be under the Sheriff. Sheriff Sheridan asked who would be in control of the Emergency Management budget and who would determine how it is spent. There was a lack of communication in the last effort to hire. Sheriff Sheridan asked what would happen if he decided he didn't want the coordinator under him. It was established that the Sheriff is the Emergency Manager and this other person would be the Coordinator. There was continued discussion regarding who would control the budget. Scott wants to pursue this matter to keep the citizens of the County safe but everyone needs to be on the same page. Sheriff Sheridan will draw up some questions to be discussed at the next Regular Meeting before moving forward.

Oswald discussed the TV tower and his conversation with Bob Benz with Digitcom Electronics Inc. from La Junta regarding this matter. The sirens will be tested again.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor at 10:05 a.m.

The Fire District proposal was discussed. Petitions have been picked up and are being circulated.

Road and Bridge issues were discussed. Vehicles were discussed. Low-boy trailers are still being checked into. There was discussion regarding a gas line that was cut when cleaning out around a cattle guard. There needs to be a policy regarding this. A call needs to be made before work begins in the future – who to call and when to call. There was discussion on marking road maps where gas lines exist, as well as electrical lines, telephone lines, water lines, etc. The Commissioners will have a Road and Bridge workshop May 8<sup>th</sup> to work on this matter.

Jimmy Brown met with the Commissioners to discuss options regarding signage to promote the communities and the county. Colorado has strict rules regarding signage. Private industry does not have this privilege of putting up signage. It has to be done through a taxing entity, so the Commissioners would have to apply for official signage. Jerry Miller is the head man to talk with at the State. Brown reiterated that a taxing authority can request to put up signs promoting businesses and areas of interest in our County. The Commissioners were not aware of this and thanked Brown for the information and said they will make some contacts. Brown also discussed zoning and planning issues regarding cell phone towers and rezoning commercial versus using a conditional use permit as is now the practice. This will be further investigated and discussed at a Z&P meeting.

Colleen Williams, Source Water Specialist with Colorado Rural Water Association and Elise Deverman from the Town of Eads met with the Commissioners regarding the Town of Eads Source Water Protection Planning.

The Barnett Pit was again discussed. The Commissioners' office still has not been contacted by Mr. Barnett. The Commissioners will have Foreman Jack Howard go out to talk to him.

The gaming issue was discussed. The Commissioners and other concerned citizens went to Denver to testify before the State and Veterans Affairs Commission. The proposal was defeated 3-2, so there will be no casino gambling at this time.

The Phillips County proposal was discussed regarding representation restructuring for rural counties. The Commissioners feel it imperative that they try to pursue this change in representation.

Trash service was discussed. Commissioner Scott stated that the Brandon dumpsters are a problem. Large items such as mattresses and box springs have been thrown behind the dumpsters and it has become an unsightly mess. These items will NOT be picked up by DW Waste. It is the responsibility of the person to dispose of these items on their own. If this practice continues, it could be reason to remove the dumpsters from Brandon altogether.

The transit system was briefly discussed. No changes have been made at this time.

V&S Railway is filing for abandonment of the Towner Rail from Towner to Eads, which means the rails will be scrapped and the line is history.

The National Heritage Area was discussed. There will be a meeting tomorrow regarding this matter at the Cobblestone Hotel.

Rick Reed with 4-Rivers Equipment met with the Commissioners and two of the road foremen, Jack Howard and Rick Spady, to discuss low-boy trailers. Reed stated that the prices haven't changed from the bid he gave the County 6 months ago. Reed left the meeting after the discussion. There was continued discussion between the Commissioners and the foremen. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to purchase the Witzco Trailers Inc. low-boy trailer for around \$30,000 with trade in. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Janet Frederick with National Parks Service (NPS) and the Canyon & Plains board met with the Commissioners regarding the Canyon & Plains meeting April 30, 2014 for the National Heritage Area Feasibility study. She emphasized that this is NOT a negative thing for the County and asked that they keep an open mind regarding this matter.

Regular Meeting for June will be June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

Tammie Clark and Jo Lynn Idler met with the Commissioners for the Public Health (PH) meeting. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to recess the Regular Meeting for the PH meeting at 1:55 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 2:47 p.m.

SAGE, SEBREA, & SECED reports were given.

There were two time-off request forms to review. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve both time-off requests. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A water line for Rex Barlow crossing County Rd 53 was discussed. The line will be replacing an existing line. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve installation of the line following county guidelines. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

A power line for Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) for Sand Creek National Park was discussed. The line will cross County Rd W one mile east of the intersection of County Rd 54 and W. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the installation of the line following county guidelines. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Elected officials Casey Sheridan, Penny Weirich and Debra Lening met with the Commissioners. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to go into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402-4 (f) for personnel purposes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meeting resumes at 5:30 p.m.

The next Regular meeting will be May 15th, 2014.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.