

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR MARCH 27, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on March 27, 2014. 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

Cindy McCloud and William Wilcox attended as visitors.

Minutes from the March 13, 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. Two vouchers were questioned. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The agenda was reviewed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the agenda as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Barnett Pit was discussed. The Commissioners will meet with Bill Barnett at his convenience.

John Marin, President of Lamar Community College, met with the Commissioners to update them on the happenings at LCC. Marin stated that there are 9 online students from Kiowa County. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is graduation. He reported that LCC is down in numbers at this time. Marin stated that Summer Sessions start May 5<sup>th</sup> and will last 15 weeks. He also stated that they are moving forward on their dorm expansion as this is imperative for the college to grow. They have a new renewable energy program and an exceptional welding program.

Kemma Eikenberg gave a report on the Library. She stated there were 4,000 patron visits for 2013, which is substantial for an area the size of Kiowa County. She reported on the summer reading program, several grants the Library has received, as well as a gaming computer. Eikenberg reported that the Library is applying for the E-rate discount program through the government that will reduce the telephone/internet expense by 70% if they qualify, saving the Library District a substantial amount of money annually.

The Landfill Operator position was discussed. Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer the landfill operator position to Tereso Valenzuela. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Jack Howard will be his direct supervisor. The Commissioners are still waiting on a report from the State regarding the inspection of the landfill.

One letter of intent for the County Hospital Board was received. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to appoint Silvia Shields to the Kiowa County Hospital Board. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Her term will expire in 2015.

Road & Bridge updates were discussed. The yearly DOT inspections will now be done in-house as there is a certified inspector on R&B staff. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to have Frank Hine do the DOT inspections with a \$50 increase in pay. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Casino gaming was discussed. The Commissioners will have a public meeting tonight. The Commissioners have received support for casino gaming from SECED, SEBREA, as well as from Commissioners from the following counties: Baca County, Bent County, Castillo County, Cheyenne County, Crowley County, Elbert County, Huerfano County, Kit Carson County, Las Animas County, Lincoln County, Morgan County, Otero County, Phillips County, and San Juan County.

Jay Haase met with the Commissioners regarding fire department issues. The tanker truck is leaking and needs repairs. He would like to check into a liner for the tank to protect it further. Haase also reported that the Haswell brush truck is having issues and needs to be repaired. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to authorize Haase to have the necessary repairs done on both vehicles discussed. All Commissioners voted affirmative. There was discussion regarding the fire district formation. The Commissioners need Haase to get signatures from the public on a petition for the fire district.

Transit van issues were discussed. There was a request for usage on April 18<sup>th</sup> for a doctor's appointment to Lamar (April 18<sup>th</sup> is a holiday). After much discussion, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to allow Peggy Dunlap to use the county van to transport the rider. All Commissioners voted affirmative. There was also a request for chartering the transit van that has the lift on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Rocky Mountain Methodist Conference will be visiting the Sand Creek Site for an event involving approximately 500 people and need ADA accessibility for several of the members who can not walk out to the site. After much discussion and since the transit van is not typically run on a Friday, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer to charter the transit van with the lift for 5 hours for \$1,000 provided a driver can be found. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Cindy McCloud discussed the State Historical grant and the DOLA grant for the Murdock Building project for the next phase. She needs signatures for the grants to be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Oswald made the motion,

seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the State Historical grant and the DOLA grant applications for this phase of the Murdock Building project. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Community Building custodian contract was discussed. Only one bid was received. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to offer the custodian contract to Tereso Valenzuela in the amount of \$50.00 per job, not to exceed \$450.00 per month. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve and sign the White Construction Group Certificate of Completion for this phase of work on the Murdock Building project. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to allow SCEDD to conduct a Community Assessment and partner with OEDIT, DOLA and DCI. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Sheriff's report was signed and filed.

The Veterans report was reviewed.

SAGE, SEBREA, SCEDD & SECED reports were given.

There were no time-off request forms to review.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the final CSBG performance report for the transit van. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion regarding the Veterans Memorial.

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

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.