

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on November 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott. Oswald opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance:

Richard Scott, Chairman
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda with the following additions to NEW BUSINESS: Driveway repair at Prairie Pines and Victim's Assistant. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Update: Adamson will review the GoCo grant information and have further information on it at the next meeting. Adamson reported that she still has not received any word back from the National Park Service in regards to the lease agreement. Adamson will try to get into contact with them.

Oswald moved to approve the expanded contract between Zink and Associates on the Murdock building. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Landfill Update/Recycling: Dumpsters have been placed around the Sheridan Lake/Towner and Haswell areas for recycling purposes.

Scott moved to have Country Air install a gas furnace to the old shop in Sheridan Lake. Oswald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Swimming Pool: Town Councilman Justin McLoud, Mayor, Joe Shields and Town of Eads City Manager, Van Brown; entered the meeting to discuss the property setting to the west of the courthouse. McLoud explained the Town of Eads is trying to find funding with grants that would allow them to build a new swimming pool. Discussion followed. Scott moved and Robertson seconded the motion to donate Lots 16, 17, & 18 in Block 36 in the Town of Eads; to the Town of Eads. Motion carried. McLoud said if they did receive enough funding, the pool itself will not be open until the summer of 2021. After further discussion, McLoud thanked the BOCC for their time and McLoud, Shields and Brown exited the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a member of the public and to drop off information for the BOCC to review.

Kathy McKorkle, with Domestic Safety Resource Center entered the meeting to discuss human trafficking in young people. McKorkle would like to hold a training here in Eads if there is some interest in regards to human trafficking. She also provided information on the SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) team. She said the victims of sexual assaults will be privately transported to Parkview Hospital where a SART nurse will conduct an exam. After further discussion, McCorkle exited at 10:39 a.m.

Planning & Zoning/Conditional Use: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve Lowell and Joyce Johnston a building permit for a manufactured home. Motion carried. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve a building permit for J & L Farms to put up a grain bin. Motion carried.

There will be a Public Hearing on the Viera Tower that will be installed north of Brandon, Colorado on December 12, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Reports and meeting were reviewed.

Time Off Request: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the two time off requests. Motion carried.

Maintenance & Road & Bridge Positions: Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to hire Dalton McDowell for the District 3 Road and Bridge Position and to also hire Bryce Kraft to fill the Maintenance Position. Motion carried.

Public Health 2020 Contract: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the contract with Prowers Public Health in the amount of \$110,210.35. Motion carried.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess for lunch at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Dennis Pearson, Director of Social Services; entered the meeting at 1:05 p.m. to discuss the yearly Merit System for the Department of Social Services. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded to sign the Social Services Merit System. Motion carried.

Pearson said the Family First Program will begin in January 2020. The main focus for this program is to keep children and parents together. Parents who may lack in parenting skills are taught how to better handle their children and the daily issues they may be going through.

The Caseworker position was discussed. The BOCC will discuss further and will get back with Pearson. Pearson exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Scott Strom, with Iconergy entered the meeting to discuss different ways the County could save with renewable energy. Iconergy would like to do a study in Kiowa County and provide feedback for the commissioners on different ways the county money over a period of time.

Liquor License: Clerk Weeks presented the liquor license renewal for the Windmill Saloon. The Sheriff Office had sent a letter stating there had been no issues with the Windmill Saloon for the 2019 year. Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the liquor license renewal application for the Windmill Saloon. Motion carried.

Todd Marriott with Colorado Parks & Wildlife entered the meeting to introduce himself as the new Area Wildlife Manager. Marriott did provide information on the lakes.

PCPHE Environmental Health Agreement: Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the Prowers County Public Health Agreement. Motion carried.

DeWitt Permit: Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the Right of Way permit located at Rittgers Street and south of Lowell Street. Motion carried.

Driveway Repair/Assisted Living: The paving repair bill for the Assisted Living was discussed. The Road and Bridge Department had assisted with the paving portion. It was agreed to bill Prairie Pines \$4,774.06 for the services rendered.

Adamson advised the Commissioner's that the Sheriff's Office did not use all of the VALE Grant money that had been issued to them for the 2019 year. Discussion followed after reviewing the VALE Expense Report. The VALE board is requesting these funds be reimbursed to them in the amount of \$8,000.00. These funds were to be used for victim's notification and an interview room for victims of crimes. Adamson will speak further with the Sheriff's Office for more clarification.

With no other business to discuss, Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 03:22 p.m.

Delisa L. Weeks, County Clerk

Richard Scott, Chairman