

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FORM MAY 12, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on May 12, 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

Crystal Mozisek was approved as the Prairie Pines Assisted Living Assistant Administrator per recommendation by PPAL Administrator.

Eunice Weber met with the Commissioners asking for continued support for Baby Bear Hugs. The Director will be replaced due to a resignation.

Jeanne Sorensen entered the meeting as a visitor.

The vouchers were reviewed. Seven vouchers were questioned. Vouchers were approved and signed.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Crain met with the Commissioners for a quarterly report. He reported that all hallway lights in the courthouse have been changed out from T-12's to T-8's. The spare T-12 lights have been installed at the museum. He is still looking for a snow plow to put onto an existing county pickup for increase clearing of courthouse and Prairie Pines parking lots. Crain stated that the gutters and down spouts at the courthouse are scheduled for repair. He also reported that the museum is ready to open for the summer. There was discussion regarding the thermostat issues at the fire house.

Commissioner Scott left the meeting at 9:50 a.m. for an appointment.

Vernon Sneyd met with the Commissioners regarding scrap metal at the landfill. If the County would draw up a contract with him, he would offer the County 25% of whatever the metal sells for. The Commissioners will discuss the matter and get back to Mr. Sneyd.

Commissioner Scott returned to the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Mike Pollart with the Colorado State Land Board met with the Commissioners regarding various items. He reported that \$21,000,000 went into Colorado schools state wide last year from State Land Board monies. Pollart has secured \$10,000 to be used in Kiowa, Prowers and Bent Counties to help fight the grasshopper problem on state land. The infestation of grasshoppers will hatch out the first two weeks in June. Pollart would like to combine APHIS money with State Land Board money to help fight this problem. Land owners may have to sign up to help in this partnership. Also, they are trying to form a partnership to help with the tamarack issue around the various lakes. The State Land Board participates in various other areas such as weed districts to help where they can.

Jeanne Sorensen met with the Commissioners regarding the internet for the library and extension service. Both entities are on a different system than what the rest of the courthouse is on and they are having problems with it. There was discussion about switching the whole courthouse to Eastern Slope instead of staying with SECOM. This will be further investigated.

Minutes from the April 25, 2011 Regular Meeting was presented. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The signature card at the bank needs to be signed by all commissioners.

There are several bank accounts involving the county that are not audited. Letters were sent out by the bank regarding these accounts.

Dennis Pearson, Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS), met with the Commissioners. DSS vouchers were reviewed and approved and checks were signed. The Commissioners discussed Baby Bear Hugs with Pearson. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$121,621.06 in March and \$106,728.19 in April on behalf of Kiowa County residents. Pearson would like to attend the first day of the CCI Conference because it involves Workforce and economic development and how they need to collaborate. Pearson asked if Mental Health was coming back to the county. The Commissioners said they had arranged a space for them but had not heard back from them. Pearson will talk with Eunice Weber before any decisions are made regarding Baby Bear Hugs.

Day Care Director Yonda Leonard met with the Commissioners to discuss day care rates. Currently the rates are:

General Public	\$1.75/hour 1st Child	\$1.25/hour 2nd or more Children
County Employees	\$1.00/hour	
DSS & Day Care Employees	No Charge (When working at DSS or Day Care)	

Discussion ensued. The County Auditor will be contacted before any decisions are made regarding this matter.

Road and Bridge Foreman Rick Spady met with the Commissioners regarding employee issues.

After talking with the County Auditor, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to change the Day Care rates for all county employees to \$1.40/hour for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$1.00/hour for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or more children. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The rates for county employees reflect a 20% discount, which is the maximum allowed by IRS.

There was ongoing discussion regarding USDA and the Building Corp. All that is needed now is a letter from the County Attorney that Prairie Pines is an eligible entity.

The Murdock Building project updates were discussed. Commissioner Scott contacted Doris Morgan to see if Congressman Gardner can help from his end regarding the National Parks' money. The asbestos abatement is still bringing the project to a halt.

Carla Gifford met with the Commissioners to report on transit van items. Donations for the service are down. Discussion ensued.

The Zoning and Planning Commission has an opening. The Commissioners will advertise for interested parties.

The Personnel Policy is nearing completion.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to sign the Tax Lien Certificate as presented by the County Treasurer for Lot 17, Block 25 in Sheridan Lake. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

Commissioner Scott discussed the possibility of a general operating and procedure policy and how it relates to BOCC-SECED, SCEDED, SEBREA, KCEDF, and all other entities the county is involved with. Scott stated he would be willing to work on it and present it to the other commissioners at a later date.

There was discussion regarding CTSI training for all county supervisors. This will be pursued for feasibility.

Inventory was discussed. Inventory stickers need to be put on anything valued at \$50 or more. Each department will need to bring their own inventory current.

The Regular Meetings in June will be June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The next Regular Meeting will be May 26, 2011.

With no further business, Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Debra C. Lening  
Kiowa County Clerk

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Richard Scott  
Chairman