

OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING MAY 1, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 1:10 pm by Chairman Richard Scott on May 1, 2012. Those attending were:

Richard Scott, Chairman of BOCC
William E. Koehler, Commissioner
Donald Oswald, Commissioner
Peggy Dunlap, Administrator

Discussion was made on the decision of KCEDF. Commissioner Scott said that after last night's meeting, any changes to the motion would buy KCEDF a month only and that is all. Oswald made a motion to rescind the motion from 04-27-1 so that it would be open for more discussion and a new vote, Scott seconded it. All commissioners voted affirmative. In fairness to both programs, we closed them both at the same time. We know by the final audit, that we will lose \$10,000 a month for daycare, but it isn't clear how much we will be out for KCEDF. Scott says we may not be out any money for that Salary but there is no clear way to find out. At last night's KCEDF meeting, most of the talk was on the daycare closing and very little on KCEDF restructuring. Scott wants to show Mile Lening the final audit report as it is spelled out in black & white. An email was sent to Charissa Hammer (State Human Services) to see if we can give copies of this audit out to the public. An email was sent back immediately, that yes, it is public information.

After the discussions and looking at our own financials, Scott made the motion that we not rescind the motion as previously mentioned and that we stay with our original motion-All Non-Mandated programs will be terminated May 18, 2012 which include Daycare and KCEDF, Koehler seconded it. All Commissioners voted affirmative. An email was sent to Dennis Pearson with the information.

The Commissioners discussed the purchase of about 80 more NOAA radios. It will take about \$2,000 from County funds as well as a grant from the State office to purchase. Scott made the motion to authorize \$2,000 to be taken out of Contingency funds, seconded by Koehler. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Talk was also had about training Shelly Myers over at Public Health to program the radios in case Jeffrey Wright isn't in the office. An email will be sent to Jackie Brown since she is her supervisor.

Another thing brought up in discussion was the shops having power to operate the gas pumps. Each one will need to be looked at and come up with a plan. Also, the generator at Sheridan Lake either needs to get fixed or scrapped.

There is a washing machine down at the daycare. Also, Carole just found out that the baby room will be out of compliance in December of this year. There will need to be a lot of changes done to stay in compliance.

The letter that Dennis Pearson is writing to the parents at the daycare is still in question. There were a few recommendations made to Dennis Pearson that he needed to include in the letter and we asked him to send it back to us before giving to parents. The people need to see the numbers so that they understand what we are looking at. We want him to take some responsibility as well. Scott believes that last year's number of \$123,000 for daycare only should be put in there and it will be the same or greater that is projected for 2012. The Commissioners gave the directive to DSS that daycare is beyond what we can't justify the non mandated program. This needs to be put in the letter from his department.

The Commissioners would like to meet with Colorado Department of Human Services to find out just what they think about the whole audit. The residents deserve to have their questions answered as to was there any wrongdoing? Where do they think we should go from here? A lot of questions need to be answered so that the Commissioners can answer some serious questions regarding the DSS Director.

At 2:50 pm Crystal Mozisek entered the meeting. She is here to discuss issues at Prairie Pines. For 2 months, Denise cut her out of everything. She said that the Administrator wasn't polite about the conversation and she doesn't understand why. Scott told her that we cut the position because we have budget cuts. Scott also told her that she could apply for any position that is open at Prairie Pines. Crystal said that she witnessed in the last week Administrator at Prairie Pines being mean to resident. That is what the 4 people that were to meet with you on Monday wanted to discuss with you. Crystal said she told them (employees) that they were to meet with the board and the Commissioners about it. There is also a resident that has been asking about the Ombudsman. Crystal gave them the information. She also said that someone told her on the weekend that she was being fired. The Commissioners told her that the motion to terminate the position due to budget issues was made in an open session and we cannot keep people from talking. Crystal asked if she was rehirable and the Commissioners said yes, the position she had was cut. Crystal also asked if she could visit the center and the Commissioners said yes, it is a public building as long as there is no disturbance. If a family or a resident had an issue with someone being in the building, then that would be an example of why she wouldn't be allowed. That is not the issue here.

Richard Scott talked with Doug Harbour. The Catlin Ditch may be able to do something next year but not this year. He will keep us informed.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by William Koehler, to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm. All Commissioners voted affirmative.