

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES FOR MAY 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on May 13, 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 McLoud and Bill Wilcox were present as visitors.

Minutes from the April 29, 2014 Regular Meeting was presented. Koehler made a motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Minutes as presented. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The vouchers were reviewed. No vouchers were questioned. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald to approved and sign the vouchers. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Superintendent Glenn Smith met with the Commissioners regarding the Day Care building to see if leasing the facility would be an option for pre-school and day care. This is just an idea that hasn't been fully investigated yet, but Smith wanted to see if it was even a possibility before moving forward. The Commissioners were in favor of the idea. Smith will pursue the matter with his board the end of the month.

The agenda was reviewed. One addition was made, to wit: Old Business - #14 – Road Signage. Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the agenda with the addition. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Sheriff Casey Sheridan submitted questions to the Commissioners regarding the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC) but was unable to attend the meeting in person. Sheriff Sheridan inferred that he would like for this EPC person to be an employee of his office and be totally under his direction if he is going to be responsible for managing this position. In discussing the EPC, Oswald stated he could understand Sheridan's rational, but that his concern at this point was that this person would then be used as a deputy staff member. Koehler stated that was also his concern and that the Emergency Preparedness side would be second and deputy would be first. After further discussion, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to drop the idea of an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for now and will discuss further at a later date. All Commissioners voted affirmative. It was also reported that the undersheriff has resigned. The Commissioners reviewed the resignation letter. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to accept the resignation of Undersheriff Mike Schneider and thank him for his dedicated service to the department and the County. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the 2014 Southeast Region Wild Fire Annual Operating Plan. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to accept the Brown Funeral Home contract for the Veterans Memorial Monument. All Commissioners voted affirmative. The front of the monument will read, "Kiowa County pays tribute to all men and women who served honorably in the armed forces to preserve America's freedom." The back of the monument will read, "All gave some, some gave all, freedom is not free."

The Courthouse Security Grant was discussed. Koehler feels that items in the agreement are not being followed and that the County is accepting money for things that are not being done. They need to meet with the Sheriff's department to discuss this matter prior to the new grant contract being signed. They will have a work session May 20th to discuss if Sheriff Sheridan is available.

The Road and Bridge foremen met with the Commissioners regarding "811 Dig". Allen Wade Watts agrees prior to backhoe or dozer digging they need to call in, but when surface blading, this seems extreme. They will see what other counties are doing about this problem. Road and Bridge will get two over weight permits for two trucks used in conjunction with the new low-boy trailer.

Picnic table renting outside the fairgrounds is \$5.00 per table with a \$5.00 refundable deposit. If the tables are delivered, there will be a delivery fee, to be determined after a work session to discuss the matter.

The Casino issue was discussed. A letter needs to be sent to those who supported the proposition and to the members of the committee. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to send a thank you letter to the supporters and committee members. All Commissioners voted affirmative. Clerk Lening checked with the Secretary of State's office to see what type of questions can be put on the ballot in an odd year election and only Tabor questions can be included on the odd year election ballot, so the casino issue could not be included on that ballot.

The fire district was discussed. No petitions have been turned in at this time. The County Attorney will need to be consulted when the Commissioners start working on the Service Plan.

Workplace policy changes were discussed. Since the other election officials need to be involved in the discussion when changes affect their offices, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to drop workplace policy changes for now. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Transit Van was discussed. Scott would like to check with the Cheyenne County transit board to discuss this matter with them.

The Phillips County proposal for more representation for rural counties was discussed. Prowers County is supportive, but they have not heard from Otero County. Cheyenne County will carry a petition on behalf of the proposal.

Blowing field issues were discussed. A letter was received from the Conservation District in response to the letter the Commissioners sent. Discussion was tabled for the Healthcare Coalition Meeting.

The Regular Meeting recessed for the Healthcare Coalition Meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Keith Siemsen with Southeast Environmental Health met with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed draft septic system program regulations for Kiowa County. The basic idea was put together by the state to help the smaller rural jurisdictions that did not want to create a more complex septic system program. The Board of Health is the entity that makes all the decisions for this within the requirements of the Statutes and regulations. It needs to be decided who is going to run the program for the County. Siemsen put Prowers County Public Health and Environment in only for a point of discussion. It's up to the Board of Health to designate who to actually put in this position of running this program. Siemsen will contact the County Attorney to discuss these regulations prior to scheduling a public hearing to adopt regulations for Kiowa County. After much discussion, Scott made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to have Keith Siemsen move forward on establishing the on site waste water management plan for Kiowa County. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Public Health Director Tammie Clark presented the Office of Planning and Partnerships (OPP) contract (for Core Services). Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the OPP contract. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The letter from the Conservation District was reviewed. Certified letters need to be sent to the landowner and operator of the land in questions with recommendations from the Conservation District.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to adopt the blowing dirt citation similar to the Crowley County Citation for blowing dirt complaints. All Commissioners voted affirmative. (A copy of the citation can be viewed in the Commissioner's office.)

Road signage was discussed to promote the County. The Commissioners might want to involve Canyons and Plains.

The Regular Meetings for July will be July 15th and July 24th.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

The Clerk's report was reviewed and filed.

The Commissioners report was reviewed.

The Model Traffic report was reviewed.

DSS Director Dennis Pearson met with the Commissioners with the monthly DSS reports. Pearson discussed the Medicaid report numbers. Pearson reported that Medicaid paid out \$52,321.23 in March and \$69,987.05 in April on behalf of Kiowa County residents. The Child Welfare Hotline was discussed. The State will allow \$5,207.00 to start the set up of this hotline. The Adult Protection Services (APS) changes will be mandatory as of July, 2014. Pearson said they really need an additional full time person to help pick up areas that are getting behind. The Commissioners need to discuss this matter more before making a decision.

Cathy Scherler, Kimmie Lewis and others met with the Commissioners representing Southeast Colorado Private Property Rights Council protesting the National Heritage Areas (NHA). They presented a sample of a resolution that they would like to have the Commissioners consider adopting in opposition to NHA. Scherler asked if the Commissioners would make a stand against NHA. Commissioner Scott said he could not speak for the other two, but he was opposed to the government being able to control private property. Commissioner Koehler said he was also opposed at this time. Commissioner Oswald said he was also against it, but he did not like the wording of the resolution and would have to make changes to it before voting to adopt it. Lewis stated that the other counties made changes the resolution before adopting it, also. The resolution presented was merely a sample to use. The Commissioners said they would sign the petition as individuals. The Commissioners assured the group they would support the opposition of the NHA and would rewrite the resolution to adopt during the next Regular Meeting May 29th, 2014.

Burl Scherler also presented a letter from the FAA regarding a proposed expansion of the military operations area, which would be 125 miles long and 60 miles wide covering a large portion of Kiowa County (Military Fly Zone Notice of Proposal to Modify and Expand Special Use Airspace – Cheyenne Military Operations Area – Buckley AFB, Colorado Docket 13-ANM-22NR). This would be operated 4 days per week for sure, plus 2 days as needed, or any other time they see fit. They are taking 500' to 18,000' (or 11,000' of air space), which could be problematic for local spray pilots, flight-for-life pilots, etc. He stated that this was another "grab" that

the government was proposing. He is asking for the Commissioners to comment on this matter and who to send the comments to.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign and send a letter of citation to the landowner and operator on blowing land. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was one time-off request for approval. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve the time-off request for Mike Crain. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The CCI Summer Conference will be June 2nd – 4th. Administrator Dunlap might attend or, at the very least, will attend by phone conference on some of the meetings.

Scott made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to send a letter of reprimand to an employee. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The next Regular Meeting will be May 29th.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. All Commissioners voted affirmative.