

The Special Meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Richard Scott on February 17, 2011. 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

The Policy on Vacations was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Sheriff Forrest Frazee and Undersheriff Casey Sheridan met with the Commissioners regarding the Model Traffic Code Ordinance requesting a county surcharge be added to the Model Traffic Code. The fund collected would be for the sole purpose of training and equipment for the department. This would require a separate account being set up to track the funds, which had been discussed this County Treasurer Baxter. The Commissioners wanted to know if this would replace some of the Sheriff's budget. Sheriff Frazee stated that it would not, that much of the training that is required has not been able to be done due to the lack of funds. This surcharge would allow for the necessary training. The Commissioners told them to move forward with Ordinance procedure and to set up the account. The Sheriff's Department will work with the County Attorney on the Ordinance.

Sheriff Frazee discussed having hired a new deputy when another deputy quit. Commissioner Koehler stated that the position had not been advertised. Sheridan stated that there were two deputies that quit. The first one was advertised and two applicants were interviewed. When the second deputy quit, the other applicant not previously hired was hired. The Commissioners stated that they are trying to establish a policy of always advertising for any opening. Sheriff Frazee stated that they generally do advertise but that he is not required by law to do so. Commissioner Koehler said he should have given the locals an opportunity to apply. Sheriff Frazee stated that his office has tried to get local citizens interested in working in law enforcement and has had very little luck. They are not interested because of the salary. Koehler said maybe a scholarship needs to be set up to train interested locals for law enforcement. The Commissioners encouraged the Sheriff to pursue working on a scholarship for law enforcement.

Road foremen Rick Spady and Allen Wade Watts met with the Commissioners to discuss new hires and equipment purchases. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer the loader operator position to Jacob Kraft beginning March 1. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was discussion on the equipment bids. Rick Reed and Eddie Rey from Colorado Machinery met with the Commissioners and foremen to discuss the "Care Program" warranty plan and to go over changes to the equipment bid and answer questions regarding the John Deere equipment.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to purchase two John Deere graders with 2 foot extensions and snow plow light bars for \$160,650 each. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Scott, to purchase one John Deere loader with greaseless pins for \$129,000. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to offer the District 3 Equipment Operator position to Chris Riley. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the Bond for Steve Baxter as Kiowa County Public Trustee. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

The Regular Meetings for March will be March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Oswald made the motion, seconded by Scott, to approve the road crossing for water line for Lane Gooden and the intersection of County Rd P and County Rd 41. Oswald and Scott voted aye. Koehler abstained, as his company is doing the work. Motion carried. A map needs to be included.

Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to sign the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) Impact Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,437.11. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

Assessor Penny Weirich met with the Commissioners to discuss the new law regarding abatement accrual of \$10,000 or less. No action was necessary.

The Maine Street Retreat and the other exercise program discussion was tabled.

The three Commissioners will be the Committee for 911 Board.

The lease agreement between Building Corp and the County was updated with changes to Sec. 9. "Lessor" was changed to "Lessee" on the first line of this section and the amount per month for the year was changed to \$9,218.00. Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to approve and sign the lease agreement with the changes. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

County Clerk Debra Lening left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and Deputy Clerk Roland Sorensen entered the meeting at that time.

There was discussion regarding the Job Description for the Road & Bridge Foremen. Koehler made the motion, seconded by Oswald, to approve the job description. All Commissioners voted affirmative.

There was continued discussion on vacation policy. No decisions were made at this time. Further discussion was tabled.

The next Regular Meeting will be held February 24, 2011.

With no further business, Oswald made the motion, seconded by Koehler, to adjourn at 4:32 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