

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Those present were Chairman Dick Bonfy, Vice Chairman Alan Groom and Commissioner Gary Wilson. Also present were Leroy D. Alsup, County Administrator, William A. Taylor III, County Counselor and Karen Defore, County Clerk. Also in attendance were Lloyd Craig, Tammy Groom, Judith Zaccaria, Ed McGowan, Don Read, Kurt Grimm and Dale Steward.

- Commissioner Gary Wilson delivered the invocation.
- Commissioner Wilson moved, Chairman Bonfy seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on January 5, 2010 as presented. Vote 3-0
- After some discussion, Vice Chairman Groom moved, Chairman Bonfy seconded to approve the payment of the claims for the period of December 31, 2009 through January 12, 2010, check numbers 150324 through 150436 totaling \$247,313. Vote 3-0
- Commissioner Wilson moved, Chairman Bonfy seconded to elect Commissioner Alan Groom as Chairman of the Cowley County Board of Commissioners for a one (1) year term. Vote 3-0
- Commissioner Bonfy moved, Chairman Groom seconded to elect Commissioner Gary Wilson as Vice Chairman of the Cowley County Board of Commissioners for a one (1) year term. Vote 3-0
- Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to appoint Chairman Groom as the Cowley County Representative on the Cowley First Coordinating Council and the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to appoint Vice Chairman Wilson as the Cowley County Representative on the Strother Field Commission. Vote 3-0
- Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to appoint Commissioner Bonfy as the Cowley County Commission representative and Chairman Groom as the alternate representative to the Sunflower Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council. Vote 3-0

- Commissioners discussed annual appointments, Lloyd Craig, representative from The Winfield Courier spoke briefly about the slight price increase and the length of time the Courier has been the official newspaper for Cowley County. Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded that the following annual appointments be made:
  - ❖ County Engineer - Dale Steward
  - ❖ Director of Emergency Management - Brian Stone
  - ❖ County Coroner - Dr. Bryan Dennett
  - ❖ Official County Newspaper - The Winfield Daily Courier
  - ❖ Official Depositories for Cowley County Funds: Bank of the West, Citizens Bank of Kansas, Community National Bank, CornerBank, Emerald Bank in Burden, Home National Bank and Union State Bank.
  - ❖ Official Depositories for the County Register of Deeds: Union State Bank
  - ❖ Official Depositories for the District Court sitting in Arkansas City and Winfield: CornerBank and Union State Bank.

Vote 3-0

- Kurt Grimm, Public Land Manager with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) made a presentation to Commissioners regarding the Slate Creek Wetland Restoration Project. A partnership between Ducks Unlimited and the KDWP have resulted in the purchasing of 927 acres of land to reestablish the wetland area. A grant is currently being applied for to pay for the \$775,000 project. Mr. Grimm asked Commissioners to consider not only a letter of support for the project, but also monetary support in any amount to help supplement the grant that is being submitted. Chairman Groom stated the Commission would take the proposal under advisement for future consideration.
- Leroy Alsup, County Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding representation on the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) Board of Directors, which has in the past been held by the Economic Development Director. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to appoint Kerri Falletti as Cowley County Principal Representative and Tara Duncan as a Cowley County Alternate Representative on the SCKEDD Board of Directors. Janet Siebert shall remain the other Cowley County Principal Representative and Leroy Alsup shall remain the other Cowley County Alternate Representative on the SCKEDD Board of Directors. Vote 3-0

- Commissioner Bonfy moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to approve the slate of individuals nominated for a one year term on the Creative Community Living (CCL) Board of Directors for 2010 and to appoint Thomas D. Herlocker as the proxy for the Board of Commissioners to appear at the CCL Annual Meeting and cast the Commission's collective vote to elect the 2010 CCL Board of Directors for a one year term. Vote 3-0
- Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to endorse Mosaic's application to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for funding under KDOT's 5310 Specialized Transportation Grant Program and to execute a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners. Vote 3-0
- Dale Steward, County Engineer addressed Commissioners regarding Grouse Creek Stream Bank Stabilization Project that is upstream from a County Bridge on Cowley 19. If nothing is done, the river will eventually erode and cause damage to the County Bridge, already the river has moved 50 feet. The County Road & Bridge #3 will haul rock , shaping the bank and placing rip rap. Mr. Steward is in the process of having the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) reimburse the County the estimated \$1,500 in fuel cost to complete the project. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to authorize the County's participation in the NRCS Grouse Creek Stream Bank Stabilization Project that is located directly upstream from a County bridge on Cowley 19, subject to the County being reimbursed for their project fuel cost. Vote 3-0
- Judith Zaccaria, reporter with The Winfield Daily Courier addressed Commissioners regarding comments she has heard about the lack of politeness from employees at the Courthouse. Commissioners all stated they had not had complaints regarding a problem with employees.
- Commissioners signed one journal entry.
- Commissioners signed abatements 2009-263, 265 - 273.
- There being no further business, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Vote 3-0

Karen D. Defore  
Cowley County Clerk