

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 9:00 am. Those present were Chairman Alan Groom, Vice Chairman Gary Wilson and Commissioner Dick Bonfy. Also present was Leroy Alsup, County Administrator, Karen Defore, County Clerk and Bill Taylor County Counselor. Also in attendance were Reverend Kevin Hopkins, Dale Steward, Bill Mueller, Don Read and Judith Zaccaria.

- Reverend Kevin Hopkins, Grace United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.
- Commissioner Bonfy moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on January 19, 2010 as presented. Vote 3-0
- After some discussion, Commissioner Bonfy moved, Chairman Groom seconded to approve the payment of the claims for the period of January 15, 2010 through January 26, 2010, check numbers 150437 through 150640 totaling \$711,788.03. Vote 3-0
- Leroy Alsup, County Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding a lobbying service agreement on behalf of Cowley First. Mr. Alsup stated the funds to be used to pay the lobbying firm are the private funds paid to help support Cowley First. He also stated the Board of Cowley First was supportive of the retention of the lobbying firm. Mr. Alsup and Chairman Groom visited two of the firms suggested by the Cowley County Legislatures. The firm will assist in preparing testimony, keep Cowley First updated on any legislation that might impact the economy of Cowley County and lobby to keep the Winfield Correctional Facility and Veteran's Home open. Between both facilities they provide nearly 400 jobs to Cowley County. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to authorize the execution of a Lobbying Service Agreement with the Hein Law Firm on behalf of Cowley First in the sum of \$24,000 plus up to \$1,000 for expenses. Vote 3-0
- Dale Steward, County Engineer addressed Commissioners regarding a right-of-way permit to install two waterlines by the City of Arkansas City to the new hospital. After some discussion, Commissioner Bonfy moved, Chairman Groom seconded to approve for execution the County Right-of-Way Permit application submitted by the City of Arkansas City to install two parallel waterlines, a 16" diameter PVC and a 6" diameter PVC line along 61st Road and 252nd Road for an approximate distance of 4400'. Both lines are to be buried a minimum of 42". Vote 3-0

- Commissioners discussed support of the Slate Creek Wetland Restoration Project Kurt Grimm with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks presented to Commissioners at the January 12, 2010 meeting. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to authorize the execution of a letter of support for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks North American Waterfowl Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant application for the Slate Creek Wetland Restoration Project and a pledge of \$500 financial support if the NAWCA grant application is funded. Vote 3-0
- Leroy Alsup, County Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding an amended County Engineer Contract with Dale Steward. The amended contract would automatically renew the contract each year without the need for a specific appointment leaving in a clause for either party to terminate the contract with a written 60 day notice. The contract also amends the sick leave pay out upon termination to mimic the County Employee Policy on sick leave pay out at termination.
- Commissioners commended Don Read, Sheriff on the work he and his staff put in on the recent drug raid near Arkansas City.
- Commissioners requested Bill Taylor, County Counselor send a letter to the owner of the Railroad that crosses Cowley 3 near Kellogg.
- Karen Defore, County Clerk addressed Commissioners regarding the filling the vacancy of the Grant Township Clerk position created by the death of Daniel Walker. Mrs. Defore presented Commissioners with a letter from the current Township Board Members requesting Alan L. Smith be appointed. Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to appoint Alan L. Smith to fill the vacant Clerk position on the Grant Township Board got the remainder of the unexpired term through January 10, 2011. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners signed the letter of support for the Cowley County 911 Grant Application approved December 22, 2009.
- Chairman Groom signed a Certificate of Ownership to Robert D. and Cheryl L. Wilson for spaces at Cowley County Memorial Lawn Cemetery.
- Chairman Groom signed a letter documenting the appointment of Dick Bonfy as a representative to the RC&D Area Inc. that was moved at the January 12, 2010 meeting.

- Chairman Groom signed a letter regarding the appointment to SCKEDD made at the January 12, 2010 meeting.
- Commissioners signed the agreement with Gordon and Associates with regard to the courthouse window replacement that was approved at the January 19, 2010 meeting.
- Commissioners signed abatements 2009-287 and 289.
- Commissioners signed one journal entry.
- Commissioners signed an order to void check numbers 150300 and 150450.
- Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to recess into executive session with the County Counselor and County Administrator for consultation with an attorney for the County on matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; to reconvene in this meeting room at 10:05 am. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners returned from executive session, Chairman Groom stated there was no decision made or action taken in the executive session.
- There being no further business, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to adjourn at 10:05 am. Vote 3-0

Karen D. Defore
Cowley County Clerk