

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2010

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 23, 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 Linda Young, Brian Stone, Rod Imel, Kerri Falletti, Melody Pappan, Don Read and Judith Zaccaria.

- Pastor Rod, Imel, Glorious Victory Worship Center, Arkansas City delivered the invocation.
- Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on February 16, 2010 as presented. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve the payment of the claims for the period of February 12, 2010 through February 23, 2010, check numbers 150802 through 150957 totaling \$311,772.51. Vote 3-0
- Linda Young, Executive Director of Cowley County Mental Health addressed Commissioners regarding action on new appointment to the Mental Health Board. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded that Dina Cooper be appointed to the Cowley County Mental Health & Counseling Center Board of Directors for a three-year term from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. Vote 3-0
- Kerri Falletti, Cowley First Economic & Community Development Director addressed Commissioners regarding the annual review of Economic Development Property Tax Exemption previously granted to Reliable Power Products Group, Inc. Mrs. Falletti stated the company has been holding their own this past year and things are looking positive for the company. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to find that while there is a new ownership structure from the original application, use of property and other qualifying criteria for the 10-Year Property Tax Exemption granted to Reliable Power Products Group, Inc. (Good Times Production, Inc.) continues to be met by the company and to direct the County Clerk to prepare a written statement that the property continues to meet the terms and conditions established as a condition of granting said Property Tax Exemption. Vice Chairman Wilson abstained from voting due to his financial interest in Reliable Power Products Group, Inc. Vote 2-0

- Kerri Falletti, Cowley First Economic & Community Development Director addressed Commissioners regarding the annual review of Economic Development Property Tax Exemption previously granted to Columbia Elevator Solutions, Inc. (MDL Realty, LLC). Mrs. Falletti stated Columbia Elevator Solutions has employed 4 new people since last years review. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to find that the ownership, use of property and other qualifying criteria for the 10-Year Property Tax Exemption granted to Columbia Elevator Solutions, Inc. (MDL Realty, LLC) continues to be met by the company and to direct the County Clerk to prepare a written statement that the property continues to meet the terms and conditions established as a condition of granting said Property Tax Exemption. Vote 3-0
- Kerri Falletti, Cowley First Economic & Community Development Director addressed Commissioners regarding the Annual Enterprise Zone Report. Vice Chairman Wilson suggested having a county wide meeting with industries to communicate with them the programs that are available for them to use. After some discussion, Commissioner Bonfy moved, Chairman Groom seconded to authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to sign and submit the 2009 Cowley County Annual Enterprise Zone Report to the Kansas Department of Commerce. Vote 3-0
- Brian Stone, County Emergency Management Coordinator addressed Commissioners regarding the FFY2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Mr. Stone stated the amount was not guaranteed but the amount Cowley County received last year was almost \$27,500. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the Annual Certification for the FFY2010 Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for submission to the Kansas Emergency Management Agency. Vote 3-0
- Brian Stone, County Emergency Management Coordinator addressed Commissioners regarding final acceptance on the 800 MHz radios that were funded through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the "Transfer of Property Agreement: Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Equipment" for \$29,606.22 worth of 800 MHz radios funded through the FY2008 Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant. Vote 3-0

- Brian Stone, County Emergency Management Coordinator addressed Commissioners regarding by-laws for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. Stone stated the group has met since 1986 but the by-laws were unable to be found. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act requires there to be by-laws in place. The by-laws to be approved were created based on procedures currently followed by the LEPC. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve and adopt the proposed FY2010 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) By-laws and further to direct the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the FY2010 LEPC By-laws on behalf of the County Commission. Vote 3-0
- Melody Pappan, Cowley County Youth Services Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding submission of the grant for funding of Youth Services. Ms. Pappan stated the grant used to be multiple submissions but have been combined into one grant and while the amount of the grant has decreased by about \$19,000 this year there is carryover enough to sustain Youth Services through this round of budget cuts. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to execute the SFY2011 Prevention, Incentive and Graduated Sanctions Block Grant Application to be submitted to the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority and to further authorize and direct the Chairman and other County Officials to execute any additional documents necessary to secure said grant. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners discussed the renewal of the Agreement for Storage of Road Materials with James and Mary McClung stating the amount has been \$100 for several years and Dale Steward, County Engineer has recommended adjusting the amount to \$125. Commissioners agreed to the change in the contract and after some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to approve and to authorize the execution of the "Agreement for Storage of Road Materials" with James H. and Mary L. McClung. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners signed on journal entry.
- Commissioners signed abatements 2009-420-444, 447-452.
- Chairman Groom signed the Farm Service Agency Direct and County-Cyclical Program Contract for land owned by the County and farmed by Roy Crane.

- Vice Chairman Wilson brought up for discussion his appointment as representative to the Strother Field Commission. Vice Chairman Wilson has a schedule conflict that will leave him unable to attend the meetings. Vice Chairman Wilson requested one of the other two Commissioners take his place. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to appoint Commissioner Bonfy as the representative from the Board of County Commissioners to the Strother Field Commission due to a schedule conflict for Vice Chairman Wilson. Vote 3-0
- There being no further business, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to adjourn at 9:52 am. Vote 3-0

Karen D. Defore
Cowley County Clerk