

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 6, 2010

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, April 6, 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 and Karen Defore, County Clerk. Also in attendance were Kerri Falletti, Mark Hanna, John Mars, Barton Mitchell, Jim McGuire, James Brew, Wayne Wilt, Brian Current, Cindy Current, Brian Stone, Leslynn Moore, Ilene Rhodman, Bill Mueller and Cheryl Harader.

- Reverend Cheryl Harader, First Baptist Church, Winfield delivered the invocation.
- Commissioner Bonfy moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on March 23, 2010 as presented. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve the payment of the claims for the period of March 26, 2010 through April 6, 2010, check numbers 151248 through 151260 and 151320 through 151441 totaling \$96,408.56. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Groom declared the public meeting for the purpose of considering an application for a property tax exemption-incentive submitted by Western Industries, Inc.-Plastic Products Group open. Kerri Falletti, Cowley First Director of Economic and Community Development along with John Mars and Mark Hanna representatives of the company addressed Commissioners with the current status and expansion plans and answered any questions the Commissioners had. Ms. Falletti stated the taxes paid for 2009 will be considered a payment in lieu of taxes. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to close the public hearing for the purpose of considering an application for a property tax exemption-incentive submitted by Western Industries, Inc.-Plastic Products Group. Vote 3-0
- Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2010-04. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Groom declared the public hearing on specific properties to find that either the property has structure(s) unfit for human habitation or the parcel of land is a nuisance. Jim McGuire, Environmental Technician, City-Cowley County Health Department addressed Commissioners beginning with Case No. 2010-01 stating there are vehicles to be removed or screening put up to hide them from view. Brian and Cindy Current property owners addressed Commissioners stating they have removed some vehicles already and begun clean up on the property. Case

No. 2010-02 James Brew, property owner addressed Commissioners stating he had begun clean up and has closed up on structure. Case No. 2010-03 Mr. McGuire stated there is a new owner Brandon Guthrie that he has already talked to that realizes the property needs cleaned up. Case No. 2010-04 one owner was not properly contacted and Commissioners determined they will continue the hearing on this case to a later date when all property owners can be properly notified. Case No. 2010-05 no property owners addressed Commissioners. Case No. 2010-06 Barton Mitchell appeared before Commissioners stating B. Francis Mitchell one of the listed property owners is deceased, he also stated he will need time to clean up the property but will be making a continual effort on the property. Case No. 2010-07 Mr. McGuire stated the owners have the debris piled up and will burn as soon as they can. Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded that there being no additional owner, mortgagee or party of interest in any of the properties who chooses to at this time either file an answer to the complaint, to appear in person, or otherwise, and give testimony on this matter, to close the public hearing. Vote 3-0

- Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to adopt the Clean-up Order for Unfit Structure/Nuisance Property Cases 2010-01, 2010-02, 2010-03, 2010-05, 2010-06 and 2010-07. Vote 3-0
- Jim McGuire, Environmental Technician, City-Cowley County Health Department addressed Commissioners regarding past nuisance/blighted property cases stating there has been progress made on all except 2009-011 but time still remains on the 60 day cleanup letter. Ilene Rhodman addressed Commissioners on Case 2009-010 and 2009-012 stating she has a dumpster on site and is working on the cleanup. Commissioners were satisfied with the progress of the past properties.
- Leroy Alsup, County Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding grant requests from area schools from the Special Alcohol Program Fund #105. Commissioners agreed the intervention they would like to see is at a younger age prior to youth entering college. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded that \$7,000 of grants be awarded from the County Special Alcohol Program Fund #105 as outlined as follows:

▪ Arkansas City Unified School District #470	\$2,000
▪ Central Unified School District #462	\$1,000
▪ Dexter Unified School District #471	\$1,000
▪ Udall Unified School District #463	\$1,000
▪ Winfield Unified School District #465	\$2,000

Vote 3-0

- Brian Stone, County Emergency Management Coordinator addressed Commissioners regarding Resolution No. 2010-05 to approve the 2009-2014 Cowley County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the purpose of building a safer community by reducing natural hazard vulnerability. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2010-05. Vote 3-0
- Brian Stone, County Emergency Management Coordinator addressed Commissioners regarding the September 2009 Cowley County Hazard Analysis Plan. Mr. Stone stated this was the first of many signatures required to move the Plan to final print. After some discussion, Commissioner Bonfy moved, Chairman Groom seconded to adopt the September 2009 Cowley County Hazard Analysis Plan and further, authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute the "Concurrence Page" of the Plan. Vote 3-0
- Leslynn Moore, Noxious Weed Director addressed Commissioners regarding an updated agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to treat Noxious Weeds on State Highway Rights-of-Way in Cowley County. Leroy Alsup, County Administrator stated next year the Commissioners might want to revisit the amount of money the County charges KDOT for the service. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to authorize the execution of the updated agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to treat Noxious Weeds on State Highway Rights-of-Way in Cowley County. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners signed an order to cancel check number 150445.
- Chairman Groom signed the 1st Quarter Financial Statement.
- Commissioners signed one journal entry.
- Commissioners signed a payroll deposit for the payroll period dated 03/07/10 to 03/20/10 taken to CornerBank on March 24, 2010 in the amount of \$214,337.61.
- Commissioners signed abatements 2009-494, 499 and 500.
- Karen Defore, County Clerk discussed the heating and air conditioning with the Commissioners and also estimates received on electrical work to change out ballasts on lights in the courthouse. Commissioners agreed to continue using Finn's Electric for the electrical work.

- *Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to recess into executive session with the County Administrator for personnel matters of non-elected personnel; to reconvene in this meeting room at 11:00 am. Vote 3-0*
- *Commissioners returned from executive session, Chairman Groom stated there was no decision made or action taken in the executive session.*
- *Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to recess into executive session with the County Administrator for personnel matters of non-elected personnel; to reconvene in this meeting room at 11:20 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, Chairman Groom seconded to adjourn at 11:20 am. Vote 3-0*

Karen D. Defore
Cowley County Clerk