

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 22, 2010

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, June 22, 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 Steven Perkins, Russell Graves, Gayle Martin, Henry Hawkins, Kristi Imel, Debi Clark, Linda Groth, Monica Hidde, Kathy Hanson, Nicholas St. Peter, Linda Young, Kelsey Holcomb, Jill Zimmerman, Julie Langley, Melody Pappan, Lisa Keeger, Denise Noonan, Greg Carver and Allen Twitchell.

- Vice Chairman Gary Wilson delivered the invocation.
- Judge St. Peter addressed the Commissioners regarding his positive experience as a Big Brother in the Big Brother/Big Sister (BB/BS) program.
- Commissioner Bonfy moved, Chairman Groom seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on June 15, 2010 as presented. Vote 3-0
- Gayle Martin, Public Affairs Associate, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University addressed Commissioners regarding the MiniMPA class offered at Wichita State University. Chairman Groom presented a plaque to Karen Defore, Cowley County Clerk as recognition of the completion of the MiniMPA class she attended this past year.
- Steven J. Perkins, CEO South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center provided Commissioners an update on the progress of the new hospital north of Arkansas City. Mr. Perkins stated the development is on 160 acres and should be turned over from the builder in late December or early January.
- Debi Clark, Big Brothers/Big Sisters updated Commissioners on the services provided to the 168 children served in the community and also to thank Commissioners for their past support and request continued support.
- Linda Groth, CASA(Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Cowley County updated Commissioners on the services provided through CASA to the children of abused/neglected children in Cowley County. Ms. Groth thanked Commissioners for their past support and requested continued support.
- Kelsey Holcomb, Jill Zimmerman and Denise Noonan from the Cowley County Extension Council updated Commissioners on the services provided by the Extension Office and also to present their FY2011 budget request. The budget request is the same as in FY 2010 of \$153,874.
- Linda Young, Executive Director of Cowley County Mental Health & Counseling addressed Commissioners regarding a vacancy on the Board. After some discussion, Commissioner Bonfy moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded that Linda Misasi be appointed to the Cowley County

Mental Health & Counseling Center Board of Directors to fill a vacancy unexpired term through December 31, 2010. Vote 3-0

- Leroy Alsup, County Administrator and Kathy Hanson, Group Consultant with Blue Cross, Blue Shield (BCBS) addressed Commissioners regarding the 22% increase in the County Employee Health Insurance. Ms. Hanson explained the increase was mainly due to the increased number of large claimants that are still active on the policy. Commissioners discussed various options to decide when completing the FY2011 budget, from increased employee contributions to altering the current plan to increase the deductible in order to keep the cost down.
- Melody Pappan, Cowley County Youth Services Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding purchasing a used vehicle. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to authorize Youth Services to issue a purchase order to Merle Snider Motors in the sum of \$11,500 (with trade in) for a 2009 Chevrolet Impala with approximately 33,000 miles on it for the Cowley County Youth Services; and further to approve Youth Services to move \$4,500 from Immediate Intervention Personnel to Case Management travel line item. Vote 3-0
- Melody Pappan, Cowley County Youth Services Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding a "Utilization of Restraints Policy". Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Chairman Groom seconded to approve and adopt the "Utilization of Restraints Policy" for both Community Supervision and Juvenile Intake in the Cowley County Youth Services. Vote 3-0
- Karen Defore, Cowley County Clerk addressed Commissioners regarding Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses requests from Russell Graves, dba Speedway Pizza. Mrs. Defore stated the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Office stated it was legal for both licenses to be issued to the same establishment and also that the township officers had approved both licenses. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Wilson moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve the two applications from Russell K. Graves for both a 2010 Cereal Malt Beverage License "to sell cereal malt beverages on the premises" and "to sell cereal malt beverages in original and unopened container and not for consumption on the premises" for "Speedway Pizza" at 6916 306<sup>th</sup> Lane, Arkansas City KS. Vote 3-0
- Russell Graves addressed Commissioners regarding a private shooting range adjacent to his RV Park South of Arkansas City. Mr. Graves requested Commissioners place licensing requirements on any shooting range. Commissioners agreed they did not want to place any regulations on gun use in the County in any form.
- Leroy Alsup, County Administrator addressed Commissioners regarding a memorial in Margie Berrie's name that has been established since her death to benefit the chapel at Memorial Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Alsup stated Bill Taylor County Counselor was contacting Rindt-Erdman to request the particulars of the Memorial in writing to determine how the County would set up the fund within the Special Equipment Fund.

- Commissioners signed payroll deposit for the payroll period dated 05/30/10 to 06/12/10 taken to CornerBank on June 19, 2010 in the amount of \$221,407.80.
- There being no further business, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to adjourn at 10:50 am. Vote 3-0

Karen D. Defore  
Cowley County Clerk