

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

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, July 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, Karen Defore, County Clerk and Bill Taylor, County Counselor. Also in attendance were Jennifer Joseph, Don Ziegler, June Chick, Bruce Russell, Sue Jean Brooks, Henry Hawkins, Don Key, Van Key, Marie Frazee, Misty Lambert, Randi Carpenter, Jon Von Achen, Tyson Johnson, Lori Carlin, Rachel Brown, Darrin Green, Ilene Rhodman, Fred Badley, Rick Yaussi and Allen Twitchell.

Pastor Jack Dickson, Shepherd's Grace Church, Arkansas City delivered the invocation.

Commissioner Bonfy moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on June 22, 2010 as presented. Vote 3-0

After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve the payment of the claims for the period of June 18, 2010 through July 6, 2010, check numbers 152131 through 152314 totaling \$363,416.24. Vote 3-0

Linda Young, Rick Yaussi and Jon Von Achen addressed Commissioners regarding the Cowley County Mental Health and Counseling Center FY2011 budget. Representatives spoke of increased State Mandated services, increased complex consumer services and decreases in State and Federal funding while decreasing employee benefits and not providing raises to employees are things that are affecting the Mental Health Budget. Commissioners and County Staff questioned several line items within the budget presented and also the increase in the salary line item and revenue increases. After some discussion, Chairman Groom stated the request would be taken under advisement as the FY2011 Cowley County Budget is prepared.

South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) will reschedule to a future Commission Meeting date.

Jim McGuire, Environmental Technician, City-Cowley County Health Department addressed Commissioners regarding the Nuisance/Blighted Property Cases. Ilene Rhodman, June Chick, Donald Key, Van Key, Bruce Russell all attended the meeting addressing Commissioners regarding each of their properties. Commissioners requested Mr. McGuire take pictures specifically marking the areas that are in need of cleaning on Case No. 2009-015. Commissioners requested Mr. McGuire contact Clyde Brant Case No. 2007-014 to have him finish the South portion of the fence. Commissioners told Mr. Russell on Case No. 2010-04 if he moves the debris by the barrel and moves or covers the rebar they will take his property off the list.

Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to approve for execution the Right-of-Way Work Permit application submitted by BC Management Services (BC Steel) to bore under Cowley 7 (gravel road) at the intersection of 122nd Road and 281st Roads using an 8 inch diameter steel casing to enclose a 4 inch diameter poly pipe for the purpose of petroleum transmission. Vote 3-0

Don Ziegler, Sue Jean Brooks, Rachel Brown, Mari Frazee, Jennifer Joseph and Fred Badley all spoke in support of the services Mental Health & Counseling Center provide to the County.

Leroy Alsup, County Administrator presented a letter from Shawn McGrew, Manager Strother Field regarding expending funds from a PILOT payment from GE to slurry seal several roads in Strother Field. After some discussion, Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy seconded to approve the spending of the PILOT funds in the amount of \$58,000 to slurry seal D Street, 7th Avenue, 4th Avenue, Warehouse Avenue and First Street in Strother Field. Vote 3-0

Commissioners signed one journal entry.

Commissioners signed abatements 2009-626, 629 and 630.

Commissioners signed payroll deposit for the payroll period dated 06/13/10 to 06/26/10 taken to CornerBank on July 1, 2010 in the amount of \$235,631.39.

Commissioners signed an order to void check numbers 152180 and 152230.

Commissioners took a five minute break.

Chairman Groom moved, Commissioner Bonfy 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 11:25 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, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilson seconded to adjourn at 11:25 am. Vote 3-0

Karen D. Defore
Cowley County Clerk