

July 29, 2011

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The Cheyenne County Commissioners met in regular session on July 29, 2011, at 8:00 A.M. Present were Commissioners Ernie Ketzner, Dale Patton, and Andy Beikman; Kari Gilliland, County Attorney; and Terry Miller, County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ernie Ketzner.

A motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0 to approve the following warrants and the minutes of July 15, 2011:

PAYROLL		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	
General	\$52,234.16	General	\$67,297.42
Road and Bridge	24,338.18	Road and Bridge	10,671.86
Noxious Weed	978.03	Noxious Weed	458.30
Prairie Dog	100.00	Cafeteria Plan	661.28
Motor Vehicle Fund	<u>1,170.77</u>	Rural Fire	468.64
TOTAL	\$78,815.49	Diversion Fund	244.50
		Bridge Building	1,411.65
		E-911	<u>461.16</u>
		TOTAL	\$81,259.81

County Attorney Kari Gilliland was given direction to proceed with a county wide drug testing policy. Commissioner Ketzner noted he had been asked why all county employees aren't tested for drugs. Currently, the sheriff, dispatch and road and bridge departments do random drug testing.

In Correspondence and Information, the Board was invited to the Saint Francis City Council meeting, Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 P.M. It was decided to canvass the votes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> special election on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 A.M. Added intangible tax 2011000045 was reviewed and signed.

James Foster, Kansas Department of Commerce, talked to the Board about opting into the Rural Opportunity Zone. After discussion, it was determined that Cheyenne County will join, pledging the \$1,500 minimum reimbursement. A resolution will be created and signed at a future meeting.

Chuck Kribs, Co-Director of Cheyenne County Development Corporation, talked to the Board about wind energy possibilities. No decisions were made. Chuck told the Board he and his wife would be resigning their position in December.

Rodney Neitzel and Bill Fiedler attended the meeting. Sheriff Craig Van Allen, Ryan Murray, Emergency Management Director, and Janelle Bowers, EMS Director, were in the audience. Mr. Neitzel expressed many concerns over the purchase and long term cost of the military Humvee leased by Cheyenne County. After much discussion, no decisions were made. The Board of Commissioners told Mr. Neitzel they were all in favor of the lease agreement and felt the vehicle will be an asset to the county.

Sheriff Van Allen told the Board he would need to replace a broken light bar. The bar is for the 2005 pick up. The cost will be around \$1,400. The bar is LED and comes with a 5 year warranty. The Board okayed this purchase. Chairman Ketzner asked for ten minutes of executive session so that he could discuss personnel. The Board went into executive session at 9:37 A.M. and returned to regular session at 10:47 A.M. It was announced that no decisions had been made while in executive session.

EMS Director Janelle Bowers asked that Dee Wilson be able to attend Instructor Coordinator classes. The classes would be online as well as five classes held in Great Bend at Barton County Community College. This would allow Dee to teach EMT classes. The Board felt this would be beneficial and agreed to send Dee to IC Training. There was discussion about lack of EMT responders in Bird City. No decisions were made.

County Treasurer Dolores Jenik detailed upcoming meetings, including mandatory training for her office. Dolores will attend a CIC meeting in Hutchinson on August 9-11. Dolores was given permission to close her office on October 12<sup>th</sup> due to mandatory training.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Dave Flemming discussed his work schedule and monthly budget. The commissioners noted there had been no resolution signed regarding spraying noxious weeds on private land. Dave noted lightening had struck the building at the landfill and had caused the scale to stop working.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed 3-0 to adjourn. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 15, 2011 at 8:00 A.M.

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Ernie Ketzner, Chairman

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Terry Miller, County Clerk