

**CROWLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

January 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 19, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. E. Allumbaugh at 8:30 a.m. The following were present:

T. E. Allumbaugh-----Chairman
Frank Grant-----Vice Chairman
Matt Heimerich-----Member
Mike Apker-----Deputy Clerk to the Board

Also present: Brandy DeLange, Stephanie Meyer

MONTHLY AMBULANCE REPORT

Stephanie Meyer, Crowley County Ambulance Billing Clerk was present to discuss the monthly ambulance reports.

The January 2010 charge off list was reviewed by the board.

SEBREA UPDATE

CC Economic Director, Mark Cloer gave the board an update on the most recent SEBREA meeting. Several of the needs were: financing and collaboration.

TELECONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF UP RAILROAD / STORAGE CARS

The board conducted a teleconference with representatives of the UP Railroad. Those involved in the call from Union Pacific were Dick Hartman, PR Agent and Curt Zalar General Superintendent of the UP Denver Service Unit.

They gave an update of the storage cars that are being housed in Crowley County. Union Pacific has about 50,000 cars that are not being used at this time including 1,700 locomotives. The track in Crowley County is leased by Union Pacific from V and S Railroad.

As of today, about thirty miles of track is being leased in Crowley County by Union Pacific for car storage. They try to keep outside of all city limits by about 1,500 feet. Most of the stored cars are "auto racks" and currently not being used. About sixteen percent of the storage cars are on the former Hoisington line, of which Crowley County track is a part of.

Among the questions the board conveyed to representatives:

- weed control (V and S is responsible to maintain the right of ways. Union Pacific indicated they would request the maintenance of the grounds)
- vandalism (liability resides with who owns the tracks). The issue of graffiti and gangs have posed problems in some areas.
- the cars are owned by Union Pacific and stored on leased tracks from V & S Railroad
- special railroad crossing used by agriculture producers were discussed and efforts are made for easy egress.
- the area contacts are Matt Stoolman, Director of Transportation Services (303-405-5002); or Curt Zalar (303-405-5001)
- the issue of stored cars across from Crowley County Correctional Facility was mentioned in terms of safety. They were going to mention it to their special agent.
- A emergency contact number was given to the board (clearing house dispatch center) 1-800-UPR-RCOP
- the weight on the wooden trusses was not an issue and can withstand the tonage.
- these stored cars are all serviceable and rated by Union Pacific.

No further business appearing the meeting was recessed.
Minutes taken by Mike Apker.

ATTEST:

Lucile Nichols, County Clerk

Tobe Allumbaugh, Chairman