

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
April 1, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Don Richards, Kendal Lothman, Joel Schmidt, Bruce Foster, Donna McDonald, Jackie Robertson, Fred Weir, Roger Stotts, Jeff Blackburn and Ray Stegman.

After Prayer given by Jeff Blackburn, John Unruh opened the meeting.

John moved to approve the consent agenda with the additions and 2 corrections to 03/28 minutes, Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Bert moved to accept the tax corrections and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Stauth came with the following:

Gunnar presented a survey permit and informed that there are some surveying being done in the county that are not getting a permit. After much discussion John asked Scott to look into the resolution and add a penalty fee is there isn't one already and also he talked about some funding for state engineering studies. Next he informed them that John Adolph went to pick up the new belly dump trailer in Wichita today.

Don Richards came to ask for the remaining \$2500 for the Veterans Memorial that was approved in 2011 to complete the total contribution of \$10,000. Ron moved to approve the \$2500 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kendal Lothman came with the following:

He informed them that he had contacted Shank Motors about the State Contract on purchasing a new vehicle and at this time Shank didn't have time to get that around. By consensus they approved Kendal to use Don Hatton in Wichita. John asked on a total of prisoners and Kendal informed he is full. He is housing prisoners from surrounding counties as in: Stafford, Comanche & Sedgwick Counties. He usually has an average of 20-21 prisoners.

Next John asked to speak with Fred Weir on lawn maintenance. After much discussion of all his duties and the possibly looking into moving him from part-time to full-time employee they tabled the discussion till the next meeting.

Ray Stegman came with the following:

The clerk presented two bids for the 2500 bricks from the Community Building. First bid was from Jennifer Greenleaf of \$100 and the second bid was from Marion Marrs for \$151. John moved to accept Marion Marrs bid of \$151 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next they discussed appointment of a new board member for South West Juvenile Detention Center and the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile services. John moved to appoint Scott James as the new board member and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last item discussed was to allow the Belvidere School House and R&B shop to be open for bids each year and by consensus they agreed. Ray will get that notice out in the paper.

Kristie asked for a 15 executive session at 10:02 to include the County Attorney. Ron moved for 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:17 with no action taken.

Break 10:15

Meeting began at 10:25

John moved for a 10 minute executive session for at 10:26 for non-elected personnel and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:36 with no action taken.

Donna McDonald and Jackie Robertson came with information on loss runs for 5 years and what EMC has covered for Kiowa County and ask for them to consider EMC to continue as a carrier. Donna informed that she would be back in May with their new proposal.

Roger Stotts came with the following:

He informed them that he hasn't heard anything from the MABEE foundation but would like the Commissioner's to consider the contribution of \$450,000. After much discussion Ron informed Roger that he was not in favor of contributing to the theatre and John agreed with Ron unless they decided to have an advisory election ballot and they would go from there. Ron explained that he feels tax dollars are spent better on county essential services instead of the theatre.

Gunnar came back with updates on quotes to fix the 99 Gallion motor grader and 78' loader. He informed that it would be as high as \$7000 to fix the 78' loader and \$3700 to purchase a wiring harness for the 99' grader. Gunnar informed he would just to get the harness rewired.

John moved for a 10 minutes executive session for non-elected personnel at 11:05. Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:15 with no action taken.

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Bruce Foster came with the following:


He presented the State report for 2012 as requested. And informed there was an error on the report due to computer programming issues on the total of acreage he sprayed all year. John moved for a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include Bruce Foster at 11:21 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Meeting began at 11:36 with no action taken.

During Open Forum Joel came to ask permission to attend a Financial Assurance training workshop on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Garden City and by consensus they agreed to let him attend and Ron agreed he will attend with him. John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include Joel Schmidt at 11:53 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:58 with no action taken.


The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.



Kiowa County Commission:

  
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John W Unruh, Chairman

  
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Bert Lowery, Commissioner

  
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Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kristie Odle, County Clerk