

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 15, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Jwynn Fleener, Mitzi Hesser, Cody Sherer, Pam Muntz, Paul Unruh, Barrett James, Donna McDonald, Jackie Robertson, Fred Weir, Roger Stotts, Jeff Blackburn and Darin Headrick.

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

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda with the additions and 2 corrections to 04/01 minutes and 04/04 minutes, Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John moved to accept 2 payroll changes for Jeffery Schmidt and Russell Dale and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 9:09 to include Scott and Kristie. Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:14 with no action taken.

Gunnar Stauth came with the following:

Gunnar presented the 7 year purchase lease agreement from Foley for the new belly dump trailer. Bert moved to approve the purchase lease with Foley and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next he presented a contract from Kirkham and Michael on engineering service for the 10th Ave overlay. Bert moved to approve the contract from Kirkham and Michael and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also he presented a map to show 4 intersections that were submitted to KDOT for an engineering study. After more discussion on the purchase or lease of a new loader for R&B Bert suggested to table the discussion till Gunnar and his crew could get a loader out here to demo.

Mitzi Hesser came with the following:

She came to give her monthly updates on her department and informed them that they had a great turn out on the health fair.

Break 9:59

Regular session began at 10:04

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.

Cody Sherer from Mullinville Fire Department came with the following:

He came to update them with the shop doors that was damaged from the last snow storm and requested to upgrade the doors to a better set due to the doors been so old. John moved to approve the purchase on a new set of doors for the Fire house in Mullinville of \$1257 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next he informed them that the department had received a \$2500 donation from Exelon and would like to use the \$2500 to purchase 2 spare air tanks. Ron moved to approve the purchase of 2 air tanks and Bert seconded 3-0.

Jwynn Fleener came to discuss the following:

He came to discuss the previous bill he had submitted from the Sheriff office. After much discussion John moved to approve the bill of \$1814 and Ron seconded, motion carried. John informed Jywnn that they would be looking into taking bids for these kinds of services in the future.

John Pinegar with KLPG (Kansas Legislative Policy Group) came to discuss the over view of the whole group and explain what their services could do for Kiowa County. No action will be taken until budget time.

Roger Stotts came to discuss the following:

He informed the Commissioners that the Theatre had been approved from the MYBEE foundation for \$300,000. He is still asking the County to donate the \$450,000 to go towards the completion of the theatre. Darin Headrick, USD #422 superintendent came to inform the Commissioners why the school choose not to build an auditorium and go in with the Theatre to share the facility. No action was taken.

Jywnn Fleener came back to express his concern on getting bids from surrounding facilities and John mentioned they would take his concern in consideration. No action taken.

Pam Muntz, Paul Unruh, Barrett Smith and many Extension Board members came to discuss requests for their 2014 budget. After much discussion John asked for them to bring an itemized budget request to the next meeting so they could look at their request closer at budget time.

During Open Forum, Vic Hannan from Haviland came to express his concerns on contributing to the completion of the Theatre with tax dollars. John informed Vic that the County hasn't agreed to contribute to them.

Donna McDonald and Jackie Robertson came with the renewal quote and bid from EMC. Donna read through the packet and no action was taken due to other bids will be accepted.

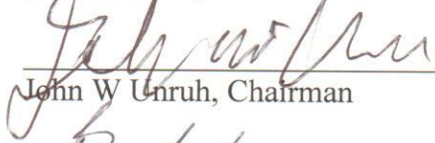
City wide cleanup for the County was discussed. Bert moved to set one, two week period starting April 27th 2013, for all three cities to have dump fees waived. During this two week period, they will have to pay for concrete, tires and loose loads as usual, but the other trash and debris will be free. John seconded, motion carried. Kristie will get in contact with Joel to get flyers made and get them out this week.

John asked to discuss the part-time maintenance position and part-time community service officer. Scott James called Ann Dixon via cell phone to discuss the applicants on the part-time community service officer. John will get with Scott and Ann next week to go over the applicants and set up interviews. Next they discussed moving Fred Weir too full-time for Maintenance and lawn care. John asked to speak with Fred about this topic. Fred came in and accepted to move to full-time. Kristie presented a payroll change sheet for Fred Weir. Ron moved to move Fred from part-time to full-time and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.


Kristie presented the signature page from Cimarron Basin for the Chairman to sign for approval of the budget. Ron moved to sign the signature page and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk