

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 21, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, Kendal Lothman, Patrick Klecker, Mitzi Hesser, Eric Ivy, Kim Goodnight, Robbie Trammel, Rhonda Fernandez, Donna McDonald, Jackie Robertson, Barrett Smith, Pam Muntz, Jeff Blackburn, Franklin Tuff & Jerry Keene.

Consent agenda includes: Agenda and Accounts Payable/Payroll Reports.

After Jeff Blackburn gave the prayer, Bert called the meeting to order.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda without the approval of the minutes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to approve Resolution 2014-8 for consumption of liquor at the Fairgrounds on May 2nd – 4th and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-1(John voted no).

Gunnar requested a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to review an employee evaluation. Ron moved to the executive session at 9:03 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began a 9:08 with no action taken. Gunnar presented a Payroll change for Darwood Maas for a six month probation period. John moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Gunnar came to give updates that included GSI drilling at old landfill, BCS bill and County wide cleanup dates for May 16th-17th. John moved to approve County wide cleanup for the following dates of May 16th and 17th and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Gunnar brought the issue with the landfill budget. By consensus they called for a Special meeting on April 28th at 9:00am to discuss landfill. Clerk will notify the ones who are on the list for notification for special meetings.

Matt Christenson came to request a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel. John moved for the executive session at 9:40 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:45 with no action taken.

Bert adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 9:46 and called the Board of Health meeting to order at 9:46. Mitzi came to give updates which included summer back pack program funding, health fair, County Fair and 2nd annual color run. Bert adjourned the Board of Health meeting and called the Commissioners meeting to order at 9:53.

Kristie Odle came to request a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee evaluation. Ron moved for the executive session at 9:55 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:01 with no action taken. Kristie presented a Payroll change for Shelly Fisher's annual evaluation. John moved to approve the Payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Patrick Klecker from Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections came for a signature for the non-personnel budget narrative and discussed the narrative that was provided.

Kim Goodnight, Eric Ivy and Robbie Trammel came from ITC to give updates. Kim expressed that ITC is a huge supporter of many organizations in the community. Next, Eric and Robbie talked about changes to the haul routes indicating that 5th and 11th Ave need to be added to the agreement. Ron

moved to approve the two additions to the existing haul route agreement and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also they explained they were finished using 57th Ave as a haul route and they were ready to have it released for post closure with Kirk and Michael. John moved to approve the closure of 57th Ave and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break 10:56 and regular session began at 11:05

Gunnar came back to ask for an approval to transfer \$80,000 from the post closure account to Solid Waste. John moved to approve the transfer of funds and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Rhonda Fernandez came to give present 2014 1st qtr. stop loss totals. She went through the packets with the Commissioners. Next she explained a new addition to the program as a wellness program for employees. Rhonda added she would meet with Kerri Ulrich from the Health department and the Clerk on the program.

Donna McDonald and Jackie Robertson with Banco Insurance came to present new quotes. Donna explained work comp rates went up from last year due to the increase of claims. Also she added they would be back with renewal agreement on the 30th. Ron moved to approve the quote for insurance.


During Commissioner Discussion, Bert explained that he spoke with Donna Greenleaf at the Conservation District office and that funds are available to help with the drip system costs at the fairgrounds. Next the Clerk presented a letter from Chad Pore requesting to purchase 2 Lucas automatic compression devices for \$8280.78. John moved to approve the purchase and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kendal Lothman came as requested. Bert moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 12:00 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 12:05 with no action taken.

Barrett Smith and Pam Muntz came to discuss operations at the fairgrounds and possibly look at taking it over as they had prior to the tornado. After some discussion, Bert asked to have this topic added to the next agenda to include Matt Christenson.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38.

Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk