

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 4, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt and Jeff Blackburn, Chris Tedder, Rhonda Fernandez and Jay Wade attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and 3/31/16 minutes

After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came forward for to discuss further on the O St. to P St from the last meeting and after Ron mentioned talking with Jarold Boehme he suggests we need to speak to Rob Sellard and Willis Harden before making a decision.

Jay Wade arrived at 9:08.

Jay Wade came forward with Jay to talk about a new grader lease. After some weighing the pro and cons of the grader that the lease is up on Ron moved to approve to trade the old grader in and lease a new 12M AWD Caterpillar grader from Foley for \$24,207.61 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Wade left at 9:40.

Next Jay Schmidt presented a Federal Fund Exchange Mater agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for \$69,685.71. After some discussion Ron moved to withdraw the funds and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last he presented a payroll change for D Liggett to move him from R&B to Noxious Weed for the season. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 9:57 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:02 with no action taken.

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for J Hoover for resignation. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Kristi read the official notice for Roger Staats resigning from the Kiowa County Hospital Board effective April 1, 2016. No appointment for a board member was made.

John called for a break at 10:21 and regular session began at 10:30.

The live land auction began at 10:30 with John reading the legal description of the County owned property. After the reading of the land description John open the bids to the public. Jay Schmidt was the only one who attended the auction and placed an open bid of \$200 and since he was the only bidder John moved to accept the bid of \$200 from Jay Schmidt. Jay will pay the County Clerk and Scott will draw up the quit claim deed on the property.

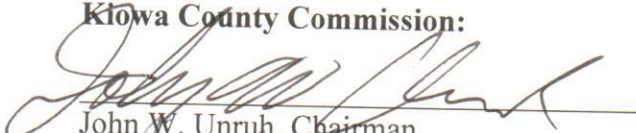
Commissioner Discussion was moved up do to Rhonda Fernandez being hung up in road construction. John proceeded with discussion on a County Burn Ban and after some discussion the asked to call the fire chief Jay Koehn for the discussion. The clerk called Jay and put him on a phone conference, John expressed concern on not having a burn ban in place and Jay explained that he only has control with

someone calls in asking to do a control burn of tree branches and trash. He did add that agricultural burns are exempt and he can only advise them not to burn. After some discussion Jay mentioned he would talk with the assistant fire chiefs and they would make a discussion and he would let them know.

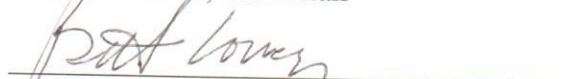
Rhonda Fernandez arrived to discuss insurance quotes. She explained due to the high amount of claims we have had from last year that he requested 15 different insurance quotes and only 9 would give us a quote. She also added that they would all require a health statement from each employee before they would give a quote. She was able to get quotes from BMI since we already are insured with them and explained the rates increased 38.5% due to the high claims we have had last year and as of today. After some discussion it was by consensus by the Commissioners not to subject the employees to doing health statements and that they would stay with BMI. But asks Rhonda to get quotes and report back before July 1.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk