

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 6th, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Scott James, Shannan McMahon and Terry Mayhew

Following the prayer given by Terry Mayhew, Ron opened the meeting at 9:00.

General Business:

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

Jay Schmidt arrived at 9:06 and informed the commissioners that they have been trimming trees and should be done by April 7th. His crew will then start patching roads.

Next, Jay stated that he spoke with Steve Heft, of Heft & Sons regarding Scrub-set Process. He has asked Steve to submit an estimate and attend a future meeting to provide an in-depth explanation of the process. Jay then reported that having attended a meeting last week, he learned that the State has highway projects for next year; however none are planned as of yet due to funding. Next, Jay presented a letter he received pertaining to the SW Management Plan and review if there are any changes to be made.

John asked Jay if the Road Scholar training had been discussed at the Hutchinson meeting suggested getting some of our blade operators into some additional training programs. Bert asked Jay if he intended to hire a foreman to assist him in his duties. Jay noted that they are down from 19 employees to 16. He is looking to recruit for several positions. Jay left at 9:24.

Ron called for a break at 9:25 and meeting resumed at 9:30.

Matt arrived and presented bids for mowing. There were 3 bids submitted as follows:

Jason Irvin of Greensburg for \$21,226.00(total for season countywide)

Chris McElwain of Mullinville for \$935.00(per mow countywide)

David Moyer of Mullinville for \$655.00(per mow countywide)

John moved to award mowing bid to Dave Moyer for 2015. Bert seconded and motion carried 3-0. Matt said we will run bid for Belvidere in paper and will also get bids to repair the concrete on south side by Sheriff's Office. Matt left meeting at 9:43.

At 9:44 Shannan presented payroll changes for D.McDorman and W. Renfrow. John commented on the turnover at the Sheriff's Office. When budget renewal occurs he would like to review the number of employees required vs actual. Ron moved to accept the payroll changes, John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron called for a break at 10:10. At 10:20 Ron opened the Commissioner Discussion

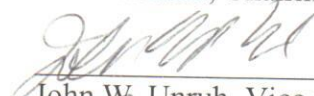
Bert asked about hiring a County Engineer which could be shared between several counties to assist in road planning, possibly tapping into any colleges for recruitment. Discussion then opened as to which counties might be contacted to be included and Scott reviewed statute requirements. Decision was made for Scott to draft a letter to Edwards, Clark, Comanche and Pratt counties to assess potential interest.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56

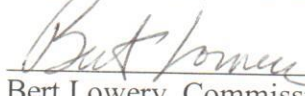
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Shannan McMahon, Deputy County Clerk