

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
August 15, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Terry Mayhew, Franklin Ruff, Mitzi Hesser, Jay Wade, Chris Tedder, Cody Sherer and Kyler Ludwig attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, AP & PR reports, minutes of 8-1-6 and 8-8-16 minutes, After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with additions to agenda and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next the Clerk presented the Resolution 2016-15 for consumption of cereal malt beverage and/or liquor at the fairgrounds for the Ducks unlimited banquet in November. Bert moved to adopt resolution 2016-15 and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-1(John opposed).

At 9:00 John opened the public hearing for the 2017 County Budget. John commented he would like to see a 6% cut across the board to keep the same tax dollars that was received for 2016 taxes. Jay Schmidt commented that if needed they could cut Special R&B but he did inform them that they do use that fund for road maintenance but could get by without that fund if needed. Bert suggested leaving the fund of Special R&B and look at next year and by consensus they agreed. After time allowed with no public comment Bert moved to approve the 2017 budget as published and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-1 (John opposed).

Mitzi came forward for the Board of Health meeting. John adjourned the regular Commissioner meeting and called the BOH meeting to order. Items discussed during the BOH meeting were 4-H booth, no color run this September, health fair results for employees, possible teen health fair in the future, rise of administration fees for immunizations and purchase of new vehicle. John adjourned the BOH meeting and regular Commissioner meeting was called back to order. Mitzi at that time presented two school nurse contracts for USD#422 and USD#474. Bert moved to approve the health nurse contracts and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Additionally Mitzi presented quotes for a 2016 Traverse and added she would donate the other Traverse to the Sheriff Office for a new transport vehicle. After review of the quotes and discussion Bert moved to purchase the 2016 Traverse that was used as a programed vehicle with 11,000 miles from Doug Reh in Pratt for \$30,094 and donate the old health vehicle to the Sheriff office and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came with Jay Wade to discuss grader leases. Jay Wade presented lease figures for 2 new graders and after some discussion Bert moved to approve the lease purchase price of two new graders for yearly payments of \$21,022 for 7 years with the total purchase price of \$269,500 with trade value of \$20,500 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk presented resolution 2016-13 and 2016-14 for road closings from the prior meeting that the Commissioners asked Scott to draw up. Ron moved to adopt the resolutions 2016-13 and 2016-14 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next jay asked for an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss employee relations. Ron moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 9:50 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:55 with no action taken.

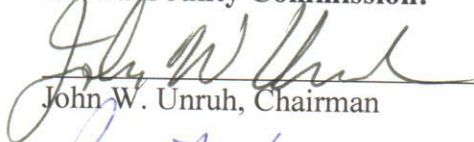
John left at 9:55.

Cody Sherer came forward to give updates on the Mullinville fire truck they have been building for Belvidere fire house which included purchasing a bed instead of building one. After some discussion by consensus they agreed to allow Cody to get bids for a new bed and report back. Also Cody added that he has been talking with residents in the Belvidere area to get them to be on the fire department and the Clerk asked to have them get all the required paperwork and Cody informed he has all the paperwork and he would collect it and bring it back.

Chris Tedder came to present a vehicle schedule for 2016 to 2020. He gave updates on the current vehicles and explained he should be able to purchase at least one new vehicle this year and if he could maybe two but would report back at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman

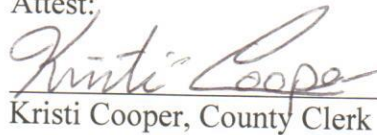


Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on August 31, 2016 in the basement conference room.