

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
August 19, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Mitzi Hesser, Matt Christenson, J.W Keene, Terry Mayhew, Kari Kyle and Karen Butler.

After prayer given by Terry Mayhew, John opened the meeting.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the minutes and approval on Accounts Payable per County Attorney approval and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk presented two payroll changes for Clay Parkin and Sue McVey. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes presented and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar came with the following. He gave the projected start date of August 26th from APAC on the 10th Ave overlay. Also reported he filed a claim with Banco Insurance on the fuel system and that a letter had been sent to Panhandle from the County Attorney. John requested a summary of the letter from County Attorney.

Gunnar asked for an executive session for contract negotiations for 10 minutes to include Kristie and Scott. Ron moved for a 10 minute executive session at 9:13 for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:23 with no action taken.

Break 9:23 ---Meeting began at 9:25

Mitzi Hesser came with updates from the Health department. She presented USD 422 and 474 contracts for her services. John moved to approve the contracts with USD 422 and 474 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she presented a Hepatitis B vaccine form and asked the Commissioners to consider reinstating the policy like they had before for employees who come in direct contact with blood. She asked to include the Sheriff Office, Fire and Health department employees to be considered due to their jobs. By consensus they agreed to start the policy once County Attorney can draw up the Resolution. She will contact Kendal Lothman and Jay Koehn on the policy and get their feedback.

The Clerk presented two bids from Jay Newton for \$7200 to include mileage and related expenses for printing and binding and Kennedy, Berkley, Yarnevich Associates for \$18,500 for the Compensation Pay Plan. After some discussion John moved to accept Jay Newton's bid for \$7200 with mileage and related expenses for printing and binding and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk will contact each bidder and start working with Mr. Newton on the project.

Kari Kyle came to ask the Commissioners to appoint a new board member due to the recent vacancy. Kari suggested Jean Jones since she had showed interest to the position. Ron moved to appoint Jean Jones to fill the vacancy and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk will send notification of the appointment to Mrs. Jones.

Break 10:30 ---Meeting began at 10:45

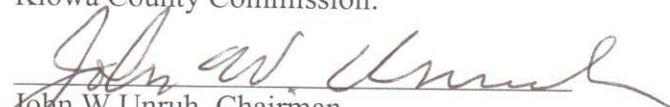
Matt Christenson came with the following. First he gave updates on issues they had at the Courthouse after the heavy rain. Bert asked to look at the issues and meeting was moved outside. After looking at

the potential issues Matt will get with Fred and look at what they need to do next to prevent any further issues. Karen Butler came to present a few pictures of water that had come in her window sills in her office. Next he gave updates on ESPY and informed he was looking at the AT&T contract to eliminate lines that are not being used to lower the cost of the bill.

During Commissioners discussion Bert touched on the subject of the Red Barn lights. By consensus they asked Matt to get quotes on lights to be finished. The next item discussed was the Resolutions regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken from Stillwater Technical Solutions. Scott added that creating the Resolutions would not bind Kiowa County to a contract. John moved to adopt Resolution 2013-15 for the Natural Resource Coordination Plan and Resolution 2013-16 Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Kristie explained that Ron needed to withdraw his motion to adopt Resolution 2013-13 on August 5th special meeting since they had already adopted that Resolution during the Budget workshop. Ron withdrew his motion. Next Scott touched on the issue of the medical bills from the Sheriff Office prisoners and Health department patients. By consensus they asked Scott to construct a Resolution regarding the collection of medical bills.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07

Kiowa County Commission:



John W Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk