Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room December 1, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, Terry Mayhew & Frank Tuff.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and 11/26 minutes Prayer was given by Terry Mayhew and Bert opened the meeting.

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

Gunnar came to the Commissioners to inform them that loader bids are due to the Clerk's office by the 15th of December and also reported area in Haviland is down one grader operator, mowing almost done for the year, bulk fuel purchased and cost of living increase.

Break at 9:40 and regular session began at 9:44

After break the discussion of the cost of living increase continued. Matt Christenson came to be part of the discussion. After some more discussion on where the funds would come from due to the cost of living increase that had been denied for the department's budget requests at budget time, Matt will get with Theresa to see what to do by the next meeting.

Kristi Cooper came to ask for a Christmas incentive for County employees. She informed them that last year it was approved for \$50 for part-time employees and \$100 for full-time employees which totaled \$6650. Ron moved to approve the Christmas incentive be the same as last year for a total of \$6600 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she presented a payroll change sheet for Sharon Sangster's yearly merit increase. Ron moved to approve the payroll change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

During Commissioner Discussion Scott addressed the new information that he had received from Great Plains regarding financials of the hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28

Kiowa County Commission:

Bert Lowery, Chairman

Ronald Freeman, Vice Chairman

John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk