

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 19, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Chay Howard, and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR and AP reports and 12-5 minutes

John opened the meeting after the pledge of allegiance.

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

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for S McVey for a merit increase. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she presented several tax corrections for review. After review Bert moved to approve the corrections and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. She additionally presented the 2017 cereal malt beverage license for 54 Truck Stop in Mullinville for approval. Ron moved to approve the license and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last thing she asked them to sign the Resolution 2016-19 for KPER affiliation for optional group life insurance to include children to the existing program which include employees and spouses. Bert moved to adopt resolution 2016-19 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came and presented a payroll change for D Liggett (department change). After review John moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Jay informed them he had got some quotes back from J&J Drainage \$ 10,950 and Welborne \$10,742.20 for culverts. He reported that for 18 with various sizes he would like to purchase them through Welborne and by consensus they agreed. He also reported that he is looking at hiring 2 full time employees for R&B and 1 full time employee to be split between solid waste and R&B after the 1st of the year.

Break was called at 9:33 and regular session began at 9:43.

Bert left at 9:43.

Kyler Ludwig, City of Greensburg administrator came to discuss the stop light per the Commissioner's request. Kyler informed the Commissioners that the current light is on a timer and explained that the red light is on 36 seconds and the green light is on 28 seconds. They discussed multiple options such as cameras, sensors, etc. Kyler explained that the city installed the timer due to the cost is much lower than the other options and added this helps with Economic development to entice people that are stopped at the light to see the business's down main street. Kyler invited the Commissioners to a city council meeting to address the council with their concerns. No action taken.

Matt Christenson came to discuss the hospital bond payment schedule and to inform them that with the extra payment the hospital board made will have great savings and look to pay off the bond early by 8 years. Next, he wanted to inform them that the cash balance for the beginning of 2017 looks better than what they were looking at during the budget process.

Kristi Cooper asked to have a 5-minute executive session at 10:35 for non-elected personnel and John moved for the executive session and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 10:40 with no action taken.

During Commission discussion, John asked to have the Sheriff come in regarding the K9 and the placement of concrete on personal property. Clerk will contact Chris for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55

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 December 29, 2016 in the basement conference room.