

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
December 3, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Dawn Hayes, Gunnar Stauth, Joel Schmidt, Carmen Renfrow, Willard Olinger, Burt Lowery, Mitzi Hesser, Grant Neuhold and J. Scott James.

9:00: After a prayer by Willard Olinger, Don opened the meeting.

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

Clerk assigned Kristie Odle to record the minutes of this meeting.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

He provided a copy of the letter to Exelon and that Kirk & Michael will be out early next week to do the survey.

Joel Schmidt, Solid Waste Supervisor, John asked to Joel to come forward and discuss the track loader. They asked him to get a price on a used or new packer to be used at the landfill and a bid for a trade in on the track loader for a new one. John expressed that the track on the loader could be put on hold until they see a bid on an upgrade and Joel expressed that he would still like to get leak fixed and that he would take the track loader to Dodge to get it serviced and they agreed to allow him to get the leak fixed. Also Ron would like a quote on some rubber tires for the loader to help decrease the expenses on the track loader.

Break 9:50 and meeting started at 10:00

Mitzi Hesser, Health Department Supervisor, came with the following:

She handed a copy of the November monthly report for her office to each of the Commissioners. She also explained that with the new healthcare reform that Kancare is no longer going to be available and that they have assigned the following companies: United Health, Sunflower & Amerigroup. Also she explained that there was a dog bite last week in Haviland and she updated the county policy and will provide a copy to the Hospital and schools as well as the cities. Don moved and John seconded to approve the updates on the policy, motion carried 3-0.

J Scott James came to discuss his salary and benefits for County Attorney as of Jan 14, 2012. He explained that he would be here for every Commissioner meeting and every Tuesday and Wednesday and that the office hours would be 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday as the Commissioners requested. And in the advent that he was unable to attend the meetings that he would make sure he read over the minutes and is in contact if he had any questions with the Commissioners. After a little discussion John began to explain the whole benefit package. His salary would start at \$42,000. His benefit package would include health insurance, phone allowance of \$50 per month, KPERS and reimbursement of mileage at the rate the state sets.

Joel Schmidt came back to inform that he had spoken to Foley and the quote on the track loader of \$6500 that was spoken about last meeting. He explained that the quote was allowed for big expenses once they tore into the machine and that they felt it would come close to the full quote of \$6500.

Break 10:35 and meeting started at 10:45


Grant Neuhold, Media Center Director came with the following:

He updated the Commissioners of the ongoing projects they are doing and that one project that could open the door to other schools was that he went down and spoke to Superintendent's from other surrounding schools and gave them a tour of the trailer. And Hugoton superintendent has asked them to go to their school this Thursday and work with their programming class and stream their red & blue tournament that evening to show what the Media Center could do for them and hope to reach out to more surrounding schools. He updated that in mid-January they would go to Garden City and do the Farm & Ranch Show again. Ron mentioned that he glad to hear them reaching out and trying to come independent and the others agreed. Grant mentioned that next week the board will meet and hope to come up more ideas for 2013.

Open forum was held with no discussion

Meeting adjourned 11:24

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Don Richards, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

  
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John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Kristie Odle, Deputy County Clerk

