

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 30, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Darrell Dupree, Jay Wade and Matt Christenson

Consent agenda included: Agenda, AP reports, PR reports and 12/15 minutes
Scott led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then Bert opened the meeting.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition and corrections to 12-15 minutes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk presented Tax Corrections for approval. Bert moved to approve the tax corrections and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she presented the cereal malt beverage license for 54 Truck Stop in Mullinville. Ron moved to approve the license and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Before the bids were discussed, John expressed his concern on buying the loader due to health insurance increase and the decrease of state accessed utilities taxes. Next, Gunnar came to discuss the two bids from Foley and Murphy Tractor & Equipment to lease a new loader from the last meeting. Bids were read as follows: Foley will be 7 payments of \$20,265.25 with a balloon payment of \$58,240. Murphy will be 7 payments of \$16,103.20 with a balloon payment of \$80,800. Gunnar added that Murphy did not follow bid specs. They both offer an 84 month warranty for lease but Murphy has a deductible of \$200 for parts and charges for travel and Foley has no deductible or travel expenses. After some discussion, John moved to accept Foley bid and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Matt Christenson came forward to be part of the next discussion on R&B storage bond. Matt presented pilot payment options. After some discussion, Bert made the motion to amend his motion from the previous meeting on the 15th on paying \$5798.28 to paying \$96,129.28 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, Gunnar presented the Kirkham complete survey and designating contract for the bridge south of Haviland for signatures and informed the Commissioners there will be a \$17,000 fee. Next, Gunnar presented a payroll change for Bob Schmidt (merit increase) and Jerry McClain (resignation). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also asked since Jerry McClain is retiring he has 19 hours of sick time left and he would like to donate to Kevin Koehn. He advised that Policy 304 states, they are required to keep 5 days but due to retirement he would like approval of the 19 hours for donation. Bert moved to approve the hours to be donated and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next they had a discussion on a Bomag packer and vibratory compactor.

Break at 9:50 and regular session began at 9:55

After break, Gunnar informed he had requested quotes for a plasma cutter from Kiowa Supply for \$2650 and Airgas for \$2635. After some discussion, Ron moved to purchase the plasma cutter from Kiowa Supply for \$2650 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he provided a schedule of closed days for the landfill and explained when a County holiday falls on a Monday or Friday, the landfill we will closed on that Saturday just as he did for 2014 holidays. And last he explained he is still waiting on ITC for the post assessment.

Kathryn Ritter came with Museum updates. Next, she asked if she could get the 2015 Museum appropriation on the first AP of the Month of January instead of the last AP of the month. Ron moved to approve the Museum appropriation on the first AP of January and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.


Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for Andrea Taylor (new hire), Shad Butler (employment status to fulltime), Alissa Eastwood (employment status to part-time) and Dell Bertram (merit increase). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next the Clerk read the encumbrance request letters for District Court \$30,000 for 2015 Juror expenses, criminal & juvenile attorney fees, jury room chairs, courtroom equipment & microfilming, The County Appraiser \$10,000 towards the purchase of the Appraiser truck, Fire \$30,000 and re-encumbrance from 2014 \$20,272.39 for fire truck repairs, Election \$10,000 and re-encumbrance from 2014 \$10,000 for Election equipment and election trailer and Emergency Management \$19,079.36 for badge machine, radios, repeater, programming and antenna installation. Ron moved to approve the encumbrances and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. By consensus they have asked to have the departments with encumbrances to include that information at budget time.

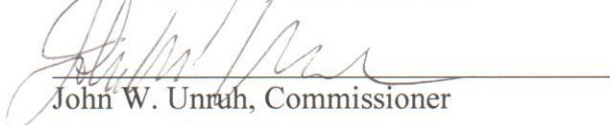
During Commissioner Discussion, Scott presented a letter from the attorney office representing KCMH regarding the Open Records Request and a copy of the Request for Admissions under K.S.A 60-236 court document. Ron added he had received a complaint on the dispatching contract with the City of Greensburg. That a taxpayer felt he was paying twice for the service since he pays county tax and a city bill. John or Bert had not received any complaints.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59

Kiowa County Commission:


Bert Lowery, Chairman


Ronald Freeman, Vice Chairman


John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk