

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 16, 2016

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Mitzi Hesser, Jay Koehn and Jay Schmidt attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda AP reports, PR reports and 2/1/16 minutes
After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

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

John adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the Board of Health meeting to order. Mitzi came forward to update them which included; healthy habits for schools, grant application renewal, yearly WIC in-service completed, patient count is down. John adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular Commissioner meeting to order. No action was taken from the BOH meeting.

Jay Schmidt came forward to give updates for R&B. First he reported he attended the Mullinville City Council for the discussion on the cemetery bridge project. He reported that we would only be tearing out the old structure and placing the new one and start date will be April 1st. He also reported that he had some contractors that were interested in the 51st low water crossing bid but they would need to push the start date back till October and by consensus they agreed to move forward with the existing start date. Next he added that Teracon will be coming to south landfill to look at the pits to see what needs to be done for the future for the existing pits. Also he was asked from Brad Zimmerman from Bucklin National State Bank to keep them in mind for future leases. Additionally he informed them he had attended workplace job site safety class last week and next week he would be attending an asphalt maintenance workshop with some of the guys. Then he presented a list of items from R&B and Solid Waste to be listed on purple wave. After reviewing the list it was by consensus to get rid of the listed items but to keep the generators for back up. Then he presented quotes from Murphy Tractor and Sellers for side deck mowers. After some discussion John moved to purchase 3 decks from Sellers for \$23,171 each and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next he presented quotes for a Hay buster bale grinder from BTI and Kanequip. After a little discussion Bert moved to purchase one from BTI in Greensburg for \$23,173 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Jay left at 9:57.

John called for a break at 9:57 and regular session began at 10:05.

Jay Koehn County fire chief came to request approval to purchase a hydraulic rescue tool for Haviland from Emergency Fire Inc., for \$10,880. He added that they have \$9165 in an account for strictly donations that we would use to help with the purchase but the remainder balance \$1715 to be taken from the County Fire fund. Bert moved to approve the purchase and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Cooper presented Resolution 2016-10 for consumption of a cereal malt beverage or liquor at the County fairground between 6/10/16 through 6/12/16 for J Acre and K Stephen. Bert moved to approve the resolution and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-1 (John opposed). Next she presented a payroll change for E Stryker (new hire) and A Davis (merit increase). Ron moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

During Commissioner Discussion Matt came back and presented the rough draft of the press release he was asked to type. While they looked it over Bert mention he was informed from a hospital board member they had received the donation of \$500,000 from Forrest Lee Trust and they have discussed putting it towards the hospital bond. After they all review the press release John moved to approve the draft with the corrections and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John wanted to report that he has been listening to the Kansas Legislation policy group on a phone conference and mentioned a few topics such as 2017 valuation concerns, removal of the property tax lid, truck weight exemptions and possibly have quarterly tax payments for tax statements.

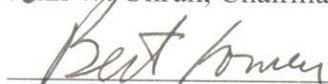
Next they continued discussion moving off the County insurance policy and after more discussion they asked the Clerk to talk with Scott regarding if they county can compensate their salary for the increase of premium since they will no longer be on the policy. Clerk will get with Scott.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman




Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk