

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 27, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Matt Christenson, Jay Jones, D.J McMurry, Chris Tedder, Richard McVey, Bruce Foster, Ray Stegman and Franklin Ruff.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR and AP reports, Tax Corrections and 2-17 minutes. After the prayer was given by Terry Mayhew, Ron opened the meeting.

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

Chris came to present two payroll changes for David Miller (resignation) and Forrest White (employment status change). Chris Tedder and Richard McVey came to inform the Commissioners of a few things they were going to start in their department. First they discussed the new program Defender Watch and the Lexipol program that will help the officers get refresher course hours.

Bruce Foster arrived at 9:20.

Ron called for a break at 9:25 and regular session began at 9:30.

John moved to approve the payroll changes for Miller and White and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Foster came to present his annual Noxious Weed eradication progress report for 2014 for signatures. Ron moved to approve the report and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Next Jay Schmidt came with a letter from KDOT Bureau of local project request to exchange federal funds in the amount of \$63,133.65. After some discussion Bert moved to approve the exchange and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. By consensus they asked Jay to look into what needed to be done to remove the funds that were available to the County and report back. Next he informed that Jay Wade from Foley and him have talked more about the sheep's foot compactor. After some discussion Ron moved to approve the purchase of the 2006 sheep's foot compactor for \$74,000 from Foley per Jay's approval and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

D.J McMurry arrived at 10:09.

John moved for a 5 minute executive session at 9:50 for non-elected personnel to include, Jay Schmidt, County Clerk and County Attorney and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:55 with no action taken. Next they invited Jay Jones up for asphalt and chip seal discussion.

Ray Stegman arrived at 10:22.

The Clerk informed Jay of the Policy on 111 regarding nepotism. She explained that since he became the Public Works Supervisor he cannot supervise Bob Schmidt due to their relationship as father and

son and asked him to direct someone else in the department to give him orders so they would be in compliance of County Policy 111.

Matt Christenson came to talk about the Foley generator maintenance and hooking up the quick connection with Sagebrush Electric. After some discussion John moved to pay \$2900 to Sagebrush Electric for the quick connections for the generator and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for Jay Schmidt (merit increase). John moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

D.J came to inform the Commissioners that he will be sending out valuation statements this afternoon.

Ray Stegman came to present the Resolution 2015-9 for the County Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) and Resolution 2015-10 for the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to be approved. Ron moved to adopt Resolution 2015-9 and 2015-10 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also Ray reported that the Code Red alert system would be up and running today.

No topics were discussed during Commissioner Discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk