

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 18, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh (absent), Kristie Odle, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, Mitzi Hesser, Debbie Allison, Cody Sherer, DJ McMurry, Kristy Zenger, Bruce Foster, Terry Mayhew, Franklin Tuff & Jerry Keene.

After the prayer by Terry Mayhew, Bert called the meeting to order.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.
Payroll change sheets presented for Jay Schmidt for R&B foreman and David Miller for detention officer. Ron moved to approve Payroll changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Tax Corrections presented. Bert moved to approve the Tax Corrections and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Ron moved for a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 9:05 to include DJ McMurry, Kristy Zenger, County Attorney & County Clerk and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 9:15 with no action taken. DJ McMurry presented a Payroll change for Michelle Moore for her 6-month probation period. Ron moved to approve the Payroll change as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Break 9:21 and regular session began at 9:26

Gunnar Stauth came to give R&B updates. Items discussed were signs and management schedule for the State due June 14. Also, a County resident requested to have his drive cleared and by consensus they agreed they will not open private drives for any County residents, Gunnar added they don't want to get into the habit of doing this due to the amount of roads they have to open. Bruce Foster came to present the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2013 with required signatures. The topic of spraying the lawn was discussed and Bruce confirmed he will spray the County lawns in 2-3 weeks depending on weather.

Matt Christenson came to report that the grant program that was funding the watering of the trees at the Community building had ended and asked for their opinion on what to do. Bert asked Matt to talk with Barrett at the County Extension Office and get his opinion on continuing to water the trees or if the trees are mature enough to survive without watering weekly. Next, Matt asked about the County providing Fred Weir a County phone or phone reimbursement since he is contacted on his personal phone during County hours. After some discussion on the topic, Matt asked to reimburse Laura Gwin for the same purpose. By consensus, they agreed to reimburse Fred Weir and Laura Gwin \$50 per month for phone reimbursement due to their job duties.

Mitzi Hesser came to give updates on the Health Department. She presented the South Central Kansas Coalition for Public Health agreement. Ron moved to sign the agreement and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next, she asked the Commissioners if they would pay for all employees that work in a County facility to get their blood work done at the County Health Fair on March 29th as they have done in the past. Bert moved to pay for blood work for employees who work in a County facility and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next, she asked if they considered her request from the last meeting she attended on the change of office hours. After a little discussion, Ron moved to approve

the Health department hours on Friday on 8:00 am to 12:00pm and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. The office new office hours will be effective March 1, 2014.

Break 10:20 and regular session began at 10:30.

Cody Sherer came to ask the Commissioners to approve their request of \$23,172 out of prior year expenditures to purchase materials for the 2 6x6 trucks they already purchased for the fire departments. Ron moved to approve the purchase of materials for \$23,172 and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.


Break 10:43 and regular session began at 11:00

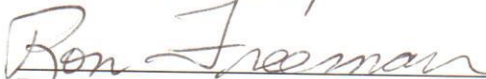
Debbie Allison came to give updates from the Library. She explained the reading program for the summer and gave totals of how many children and adults she reads to 3 times a week.

During Commissioner Discussion, the Clerk reported on the dumpsters that Bert requested information on at the Community and Fair Grounds. She explained the city reported there are 4 dumpsters out there, 2 of which Pam Muntz ordered at Fair time and 2 that Ray Stegman ordered to be kept out there for functions. After some discussion, Bert asked to have one 8-yard dumpster to remain by the Community building and picked up twice a month instead of weekly as it has been. In addition, if the Fair Board orders extra dumpsters they need to make sure they are cancelled at the conclusion of the fair each year per consensus of the Commissioners. The Clerk will get with Ray and Pam on their decision on the dumpsters. Next, Ron asked about Solid Waste clarifications on the charges and after some discussion, it was decided to discuss again at budget time. Next, Scott addressed the request for signature of the Commissioners for the public meeting notification regarding Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan. Ron moved to approve the letter for signatures and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.


The meeting adjourned at 12:21.

Kiowa County Commission:


Bert Lowery, Chairman


Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristie Odle, County Clerk