

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
January 19, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Jay Schmidt, Kim Goodnight, John Riggins, Matt Christenson, Ann Dixon, Paul Kendal, Franklin Tuff, Kari Kyle and Jerry Keene.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Tax Corrections, 1-5 & 1-12 minutes
After Franklin gave the prayer, Ron opened the meeting.

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

Clerk presented Tax Corrections for approval. Bert moved to approve the tax corrections and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ann Dixson came to express her concern with changing the Official newspaper. After some discussion it was agreed by the Commissioners to leave the Merchant Directory as the Official County newspaper.

Gunnar came to talk about quotes for crushed concrete. Next, he asked for a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations. Bert moved for the session at 9:33 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:43 with no action taken. John moved for another 10-minute extension at 9:44 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:54 with no action taken.

Ron called for a break at 9:54 and regular session began at 9:59.

Mitzi was unable to attend due to an appointment at the school so she had the clerk hand out her monthly report sheet. Next, the Clerk asked for approval for the blood work to be paid by the County for all employees. Bert moved to approve to pay the blood work for all County employees and to include the Media Center staff, Library staff, Extension staff and Museum staff. John seconded motion carried 3-0.

Kari Kyle came to have the Commissioners appoint Peggy Banta as President, Jean Jones as Vice-President, Don Trent as Treasurer and Joan Hayse as Secretary. Bert moved to approve the new appointments for the Board of Directors for the Senior Citizen building and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. She also reported they had purchased a used bus and a van to help transport senior citizens.

Kim Goodnight with ITC and John Riggins with Kirkham and Michael came to discuss the post assessment for the ongoing contract with ITC and Kiowa County. After a long discussion about the assessment, Kim reported he would make a few changes to the agreement and report back. After Kim left there was more discussion with John Riggins regarding his assistance on a few projects regarding overlays.

Bert moved for a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include Gunnar, Scott, Jay and Clerk at 11:06 to discuss personnel opportunities and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:16 with no action taken.


Matt Christenson came to request to be reimbursed \$50 a month for his personal cell phone instead of carrying two phones. Ron moved to approve the reimbursement and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Matt informed them that the 5-year fire sprinkler inspection contract is up and he has a quote but after some discussion, they asked him to get a few more quotes and report back.

Kristi Cooper presented three payroll changes for Richard McVey (new hire), James Hager (merit increase) and James Beusch (resignation). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

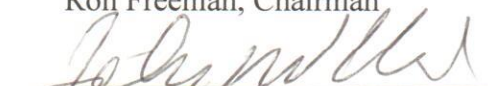
During Commissioner Discussion the Clerk presented a request from Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SKAAA) for 2015 funds of \$800. Clerk informed last year they did \$700. Ron moved to approve \$700 for SKAAA and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she explained that at the last meeting the EMS encumbrance request for \$2129.59 was not approved. Bert moved to approve the encumbrance for EMS and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Then she asked if she could hire The Media Center to assist with the County website and after some discussion, they asked to have them come to the next meeting. Last the Clerk asked for an appointment for the Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention board. Scott agreed he would serve again on the board. Bert moved to appoint Scott and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18

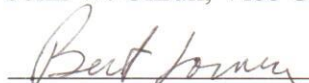
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk