

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
January 31, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Joel Schmidt, Jim Crawley, Karen Butler, Ann Dixson and Matt Christenson.

After the prayer given by Bert Lowery, John Unruh opened the meeting.

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

Ron moved and Bert seconded to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for 54 Truck Stop, motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved and Bert seconded to approve ICHD Contract for 2013, motion carried 3-0.

John moved and Ron seconded to approve, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge supervisor, came with the following:

Gunnar requested a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include County Attorney and County Clerk at 9:14. Regular session began at 9:19 with no action taken. Gunnar presented 2 High Risk Rural Road applications for 51st street and 33rd Ave. John with Kirkham and Michael had drawn the application per request from the Commissioners at the previous meeting. Gunnar explained on 33rd Ave the estimated cost was \$140,500 with 10% preliminary Engineering cost \$10,000 and construction Engineering cost of \$12,500 and on 51st street the estimated cost was \$64,000 with 10% preliminary engineering cost of \$8,000 and construction engineering cost of \$8,000. Gunnar explained that the County would be responsible of the 10% cost but then be reimbursed for the wages spent on the project for employees. Next he informed that he has bids out for tires that are due the February 4th and for pickup bids due on the February 18th. He also reported that the 97 Kenworth is in the shop in Pratt for repairs to be estimated at \$5,000. Next he asked if he could sell the 89 and 73 Cat scrapppers on Purple wave due to they are in bad shape and isn't cost effective to fix and Ron moved to allow them to be put on Purple wave and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Matt Christenson came with the following:

Matt reported that he was looking into buying 4 drives for our server in the next 3 to 6 months due to the storage capacity is at 80% and that the server is already 3 years old. The estimate he gave was \$559 per drive but will keep looking for less expensive drive and will report back. He also reported that there has been issues with getting the filters ordered that are needed at the Courthouse and Commons building and was going to start to look somewhere else for the filters and asked if he could also look into someone to come and inspect our heating and cooling systems yearly so they keep up on the maintaining on the systems and by consensus they agreed. So Matt will get a couple of different quotes on the maintenance of the systems.

10:05 Break

10:15 Regular session began.

Joel Schmidt, Solid Waste supervisor, came with the following:

He came with Kevin Rueb with Berry Tractor and Equipment. Kevin handed a pamphlet on a BC472RB Refuse Compactor and the cost would be \$345,000 with a 3 year warranty. After much discussion on the compactor Kevin explained he would inspect the compactor at the landfill and would present a bid with the trade in and a straight lease bid for February 28 meeting.

Jim Crawley came with the following:

He just wanted to introduce himself to the new elected personnel and informed that Randy Rinker has retired and will be looking to hire 2 part time employees this summer. He reported the hours are Tuesday – Saturday and once he gets some part time help he would be open 7 days a week.

Karen Butler, Register of Deeds, came with the following:

She came to inform that she was upgrading her computer software and going to have Fred build her some book shelf ends for her vault. Passports were discussed and Karen is looking into getting certified so she can have that available in her office.

Ann Dixson, magistrate judge, came with the following:

She just wanted to inform the Commissioners of the House Bill 2016 and 2113 and some of the changes that the County could be affected if the Bill passes.

Open Forum

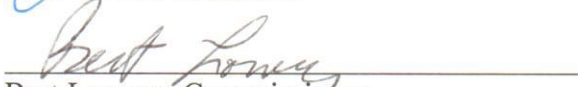
During Open Forum Scott James wanted to inform the Commissioners of the response he received back from Wood Law Offices and presented a draft of Policy 302 and 502 in the personnel manual. John asked to wait to discuss the changes to be made to the policy at the next meeting and was agreed by consensus. Kristie explained there was complication on our Payroll program to allow employees to carry over approved vacation hours and asked if Justin Somerhalder vacation hours to be paid out and it was by consensus to pay them out to the employee. Next she asked if they would like to donate to Maverick After Prom and Bert moved to donate \$100 to the after prom and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next item discussed was the clarification of County Employees who will get there blood work at the health fair paid for. In the past Extension and Library employees have received this and by consensus they made the motion at the last meeting to include only Kiowa County Employees. There was discussion on a getting a new time keeping system due to our current TimeCentre is not working correctly John suggested to look into another system and Kristie will get with Matt and discuss our options.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34.

Kiowa County Commission:



John Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristie Odle, County Clerk