

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 1, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Shannan McMahon, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Franklin Ruff, Matt Christenson, DJ McMurry, Karen Butler, Brenda Osborne, Tammy Fromme, Tracy Gumpenberger, Sam Bauer, Chris Tedder and Tyler Finch.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, and 5-29 minutes.

Ron opened the meeting following the prayer given by Franklin Ruff.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda after corrections were made to the 5-29 minutes, Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:05 John moved for a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include DJ McMurry, and Deputy Clerk to discuss part-time personnel opportunities and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:08 with no decision made. DJ left at 9:08

Jay reported that J. Riggins of Kirkham Michael asked about putting in concrete posts versus steel posts at 21st street low water crossing project. Jay will check on price differential. Next Jay mentioned he had some items he'd like to put on Purple Wave. He also mentioned that he has a couple of candidates for part-time mowers for the county. John noted that he had been on 55th street and found it improved. Jay mentioned that he will get with Scott regarding the chip-seal bids and special meeting may be needed as job is time sensitive.

Scott arrived at 9:25

Ron called for a break at 9:22 and regular session began at 9:27

Sam Bauer and Tracy Gumpenberger arrived to discuss the Library budget. Funds requested will be the same as last year. Tracy stated that they have 2 full time and 2 part time employees for all three libraries and they have used \$53,000 of their reserve this year. Tracy & Sam left at 9:50

Matt arrived 9:50 to discuss the courthouse lawn and reported that he figured a 10 year cost of \$20,000 and after reviewing figures for Fescue, Bermuda and Buffalo grasses, they will need to get some additional numbers to include, water, insecticide and fertilizer costs before making a decision. For now, we will continue with the Fescue and Matt will return in two weeks with additional estimates. Matt left at 10:05

Tammy Fromme arrived at 9:55 and Karen Butler arrives at 10:00.

At 10:05 Ron moved for a 10 minute break. Meeting resumed at 10:15.

At 10:15 Tammy reported to the commissioners that the Mullinville Cemetery is operating at the same budget as last year and stated that they have people that occasionally donate time and materials to help maintain the premises. Tammy left at 10:20.

Chris Tedder and Tyler Finch arrived at 10:17.

At 10:20 Chris Tedder stepped forward to introduce new Deputy, Tyler Finch. Among topics discussed were; Deputy Finch's notable first arrest, cost & effectiveness of body cameras, and new hires for the Sheriff's Office. Chris and Tyler left at 10:35.

At 10:35 Karen introduced a payroll change for part time employee, Pam Noll. Karen is looking into purchasing a handheld scanner so that new entries can be entered monthly, rather than yearly. Scott said he has a hand scanner that she can use. John moved to approve payroll change, Ron seconded and motion was carried 3-0. Karen left at 10:45.

At 10:46 Brenda Osborne arrived.

At 10:45 the deputy clerk conferenced in Rhonda Fernandez of P.I.C., to answer commissioners' questions regarding a fax from Coventry Insurance that had come in for Ron to sign. She stated that they are looking into bids from various insurance carriers. John moved to sign the Coventry request, Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:50 Brenda was asked to explain Haviland State Bank's interest on county's Certificate of Deposit. Brenda said that interest rates are low across the board and interest rates are based on public funds. Brenda left at 10:53.

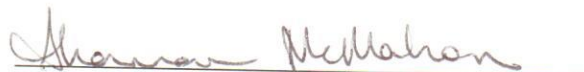
Ron opened the Commissioner Discussion at 10:54. Bert asked about getting hospital workers on the county's insurance which might help our risk factor, thus, affecting premium costs. Other topics discussed included, upcoming hospital board meeting, budget workshop scheduling, enforcement of Supreme Court rulings, allowing guns on campuses and 6.5% increase on State spending.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55. Kiowa County Commission:


Ron Freeman, Chairman

Attest:


John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman


Shannan McMahon, Deputy County Clerk


Bert Lowery, Commissioner