

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 15, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Mitzi Hesser, Matt Christenson, Rhonda Fernandez, Grant Neuhold, Tony Factor, Rosa Spainhour, Stacey Barnes, Leslie Stotts, Wayne Keeton, Connor Staats, Susan Staats, Sherrell Heft, Adam Wagner, Jennifer McCarley, Mike McBeath, Chris Tedder, Richard McVey, Jedediah Tabor and Karen Butler.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, AP reports, PR reports and 6-1 and 6-4 minutes.
Ron opened the meeting following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda after corrections were made to the 6-15 minutes, John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the Board of Health meeting to order at 9:14. Mitzi gave updates for the office which included end of year grants, Color Run and Valley View School contract. Ron adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular Commissioner meeting to order. John moved to approve the health contract with Valley View Schools and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0

Jay presented a payroll change for John Adolph. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Jay and the Commissioners talked about grader leases, concrete crushing and grading delay due to the rain.

Richard McVey and Jedediah Tabor arrived at 9:41

Jay left at 9:43

Richard came to introduce the new deputy Jedediah Tabor.

Ron called for a break at 9:50 and regular session began at 9:55

Matt Christenson and Grant Neuhold came forward to present and discuss the 2016 Media Center budget request with many supporters that are listed on a separate sheet. Tony Factor, Adam Wagner, Paige Tyree, Sherrell Heft, Stacey Barnes and Leslie Stotts showed their support by talking about different things the Media Center has done for them.

Grant Neuhold and supporters left the meeting at 10:18

Matt then went over the following budget request; Courthouse, Maintenance, Emergency Management and Commons building.

Rhonda Fernandez arrived at 10:27

After some discussion on the budgets, John mentioned concerns on the Commons roof and Matt ensured he has been working with the contractors and architect and has failed to come to a compromise on the issue. Matt suggested getting with Scott on sending a letter to them.

Rhonda Fernandez came to discuss renewal and quotes from United Healthcare for a July 1 renewal. Rhonda explained what the process would entail and after much discussion John moved to have a new renewal date of July 1, 2016 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:04, Ron moved for a break. Meeting resumed at 11:08.

Matt came back to present a payroll change for Phillip Craig Morford for the new maintenance tech. Ron moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he presented new figures for the lawn per the Commissioner request from a prior meeting.

Barrett Smith arrived at 11:14

The discussion continued regarding what the best type of grass to plant and after some more discussion, John moved to give Masterson the approval to go forward with fescue lawn and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Bert sustains from the vote. Next, Matt and Barrett Smith came to discuss the issues they have been having with the stools in the women restrooms in the concession stands at the fairgrounds. Some of the issues included replacing the walls with new waterproof sheetrock and new stools with a base for more support.

Rosia Spainhour arrived 11:40.

Next, they continued on adding more outside faucets to the southeast corner and south sliding door by red barn and explained that the fair board would be paying for the project.

Ron moved for an executive session for non-elected personnel at 11:48 for 5- minutes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:54 with no action taken. Ron moved for 5-minute extension for the executive session for non-elected personnel at 11:54 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:59 with no action taken.

Rosa Spainhour came to ask for approval to send two individuals to the World Conference this year and the final cost would be \$1930. After some discussion, John moved to approve for one person to go to the World Conference in Las Vegas and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Rosia did report due to call volume down that they are taking out of town transfers to help bring in some revenue.

Chris Tedder came to ask permission to look into purchasing a new program called Sterling Commissionaire to help inmates with handling their funds and purchases. In the event there is any balances due to Kiowa County, this will help with collecting past due bills. Bert moved to approve the purchase and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Chris did add he would be taking this out of the Equipment Fund. Next, John expressed concerns on County employees to drive with out of state tags and Chris explained the law on transferring tags but he will talk with the individuals.

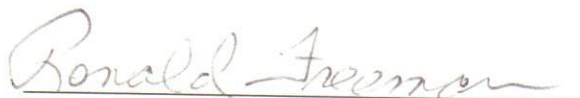
Karen Butler arrived at 12:15

John asked Karen to come forward to join in on the conversation regarding the Register of Deeds office. John expressed his concern when he came in and noticed no staff was present in the office during working hours. Karen explained what had happened but would make sure this does not happen again.

The only topics discussed in the Commissioner Discussion were dates for the pre-budget workshop and the actual budget workshop with the auditor.

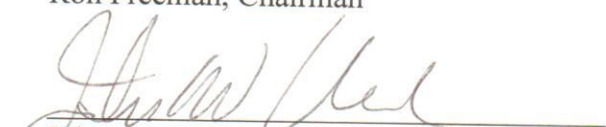
Meeting adjourned at 12:53.

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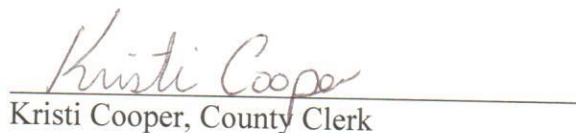


Ron Freeman, Chairman

Attest:



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

1. TONY FACTOR
2. Rosa SPAINHOUR
3. Stacy Barnes
4. Leslie Stotts
5. Wayne Keeton
6. Connor Steeds
7. Drew Steeds
8. Sherree K. Stoft
9. Adam Wagner
10. Jennifer McCarley
11. Mike McBeath