

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 16, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Gunnar Stauth, Eric Ivy, Ray Stegman, Matt Christenson, Tracy Gumpenberger, Pat Barnes, Christy Pyatt, Karen Butler, Kendal Lothman, Franklin Tuff & Jerry Keene.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll and Accounts Payroll reports & 06-02-14 minutes.

After the prayer that was given by Franklin Tuff, Bert called the meeting to order.

Ron added community building refund to Commissioner Discussion and stated there was nothing in the minutes regarding the refund that they were accused of refunding.

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

Clerk presented Resolution 2014-16 regarding liquor consumption at fairgrounds. Ron moved to approve the Resolution 2014-16 and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-1 (John voted against).

Tax Corrections were presented. Ron moved to approve the tax corrections and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar came to request a 5- minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee evaluations. Ron moved for the executive session at 9:08 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:13 with no action taken. Gunnar presented Payroll Changes for Randy Looney, Derry Liggett, Harry Blair & John Adolph. John moved to approve the Payroll changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Gunnar requested a 5- minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations. Ron moved for the executive session at 9:14 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:19 with no action taken. Gunnar reported the 96' T3 dump truck had motor issues last week and took it to Foley to get repaired for \$5100. He also reported that the landfill had their yearly inspection with no violations. Next they talked about setting new hours for the landfill operations. After some discussion, John moved to close the landfill on Mondays and to make this effective July 1, 2014 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Gunnar then presented the proposal from GSI for wells at the North landfill. After some discussion, John moved to accept the proposal for the new monitoring wells and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Gunnar also asked them to approve some of the guys to work this Saturday and Sunday to finish up the dragging so they can get caught up and would be able to focus on the asphalt. By consensus, they agreed to allow the overtime. Last item discussed was the ITC line agreement and core drilling on 57th Ave. Eric Ivy was present for the discussion and it was tabled until John Riggins with ITC can come in to the next meeting to discuss the agreement.

Break at 9:52 and regular session began at 9:57.

Bert moved to adjourn the meeting and call Board of Health to order and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Mitzi gave updates that included family planning, immunizations, summer backpack project with 70 participants. She asked them to sign a thank you card for Headrick's Greenhouse as they donated the flowers for the gazebo. She reported that on Friday several ladies worked in the flowerbeds. Mitzi also reported she will be consulting with Bucklin schools this upcoming school year as she does for Kiowa County Schools and bringing in extra revenue. Bert moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting and call regular session to order and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Tracy Gumpenberger and Pat Barnes from the Library board came to give a Library financial report update.

Ray Stegman came with a map of the fairgrounds and explained the contract with the Rodeo Club. He expressed the security level they used at the concert and beer garden. Next, they discussed the burn ban that is in effect and informed the Commissioners that burn permits will be granted as long as the weather permits.

Commissioners Discussion was moved due to John leaving at 11:00. John reported the County right of way in the ditches on Fellsburg road had been sprayed from farmers and this is causing washout under the blacktop.

John left at 10:53.

Christy Pyatt came with the Power up Greensburg program to ask for permission to use the concession stands on the 4th of July to serve ice cream for the upcoming events. By consensus they agreed to allow them to use the facility and waive the rental fee.

Karen Butler came to express concern on the windows in her office as they are still leaking when we get heavy rains. Commissioners asked her to get with Matt on her concerns.

Kendal Lothman came to request a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include the Clerk. Bert moved for the executive session at 11:20 and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 11:35 with no action taken. Next, Kendal presented a payroll change for Zane Huffman. Ron moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next Kendal asked to put the money they have received from insurance on hail damage to the Special Equipment Fund and earmarked for the Sheriff Office for the purchase of new vehicles next year. Ron moved to approve the funds to be put in the Special Equipment Fund and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Matt Christenson came to report he had an EMC adjuster out after the storm and there was roof damage to the Community building, Fair Barn and Gazebo. He also touched on the topic of the leaking windows and to save money he would like to rent a piece of equipment so our maintenance department can reseal all the windows at the Courthouse. Matt will report back on the expense of the rental. Next, Matt asked to update the server that runs the GEO wells and all electronic units for \$5875 from BCS and to include the Reno software for \$2400 that will help with notification of failed systems. Matt reported he cancelled the maintenance agreement with BSC due to our maintenance department's ability to service the units which will save the County \$6143 each year. After more discussion on the server, Bert moved to approve the purchase of the upgrade and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12.

Kiowa County Commission:

Bert Lowery
Bert Lowery, Chairman

Ron Freeman
Ron Freeman, Commissioner

John W. Uhrh
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Attest: Kristie Odle
Kristie Odle, County Clerk