

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
June 6, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Terry Mayhew, Jeff Guy, Franklin Ruff, Rosa Spainhour, Grant Neuhold, Mike McBeth, Cassie Blackburn, Shawn Cannon, Wayne Keeton, Jay Schmidt, Steve Larsh, Royce Frazier, Matt Christenson, Dave Moyer, Craig Morford, Heather Coyne, Rhonda Fernandez and Chris Tedder attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda and 5-31-16 minutes

After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes as presented and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Dave Moyer stopped by to inform that at the fairgrounds he wanted to inform them that the drip system that was put in last year around the new trees that were planted on the South side of the community building was causing issues with mowing. He explained he was able to mow over them due to the time it would take to weed eat it and after some discussion John informed Dave he would talk with Matt and Barrett and as of now just mow around it. Next Dave expressed concern on the courtyard lawn which included bare spots, weeds and areas where the grass is barely growing and John advised him that they would talk with Matt on this issue as well.

Steve Larsh came to present the 2017 Economic Development budget request and brought Royce Frazier from Barclay College and explained how the college could benefit from the funds they receive for economic development for Kiowa County. Present board members are Monica Hayse, Greg Waters, Carolyn Morton, Derek Brown and Steve Larsh.

Matt Christenson came to discuss the G.O.B for the hospital and explained the hospital board approved an early payment in the amount of \$291,797.93 and he needed approval to make the payment. Bert moved to approve the payment subject to payment received from the hospital and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Matt provided information regarding zoning for the City of Greensburg regarding to new storage construction or pre-existing structure. After some discussion they asked Matt to contact the land owners regarding possession of their lots for the new storage building and to support an appeal to the city regarding to residential zone to commercial zone.

Chris Tedder came back to discuss with John due to his absence from the last meeting regarding replacement of vehicles and John asked him to hold off until after the budget process. Next Chris wanted to talk about leaving the South West Juvenile Correction due to an increase of \$1880 from last year and Ron then moved to withdraw from the contract and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. John advised the clerk to have Scott send a letter to SW Juvenile Correction to have Kiowa County withdraw from the agreement of hosting juveniles.

Heather Coyne from the Museum came to present the 2017 budget request and gave some updates and some changes they would like to do in the future. John asked her to provide financial information and report back with the clerk.

Grant Neuhold came forward to present the 2017 budget request for the Media Center. Members that were present were Mike McBeath, Adam Wagner, Shawn Cannon, Wayne Keeton, Rosa Spainhour, Cassie Blackburn and Franklin Ruff.

Rhonda Fernandez came to present renewal insurance quote from BMI. After much discussion on the increase of 38% on insurance premiums they talked about different options. Ron moved for a 10 minute executive session at 10:53 for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations with Rhonda and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:03 with no action taken. They continued discussion regarding the premiums and Bert moved to increase the employee insurance share on single from \$60 to \$85 and on Couple/Spouse, Employee/children and Family from \$150 to \$175 and Ron seconded. Before they continued to motion they spoke more on employee shares and asked Rhonda to come back with new figures before the renewal date of July 1 and Bert withdrew his motion.

Matt Christenson and Craig Morford came to discuss Dave Moyer concerns regarding the drip system at the fairgrounds and the courtyard lawn. They asked them to get with Barrett Smith regarding if the drip system was further needed for the trees and ask Matt to get with Masterson on the lawn and report back.

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for C Price (part-time mower) and A Melder (part-time dispatcher). Ron moved to approve the payroll changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

No discussion for Commissioner Discussion.

Jay Schmidt came in to ask permission to allow the mower hands to work on Saturdays and by consensus they agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

**Kiowa County Commission:**

  
John W. Unruh, Chairman

  
Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman

  
Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Next Commissioner meeting date will be June 20<sup>th</sup> located in the basement conference room.

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