

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 16th, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Shannan McMahon, Jay Schmidt, Pastor Franklin Ruff, Ki Gamble and Matt Christenson.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and 3/2 minutes

After the prayer said by Pastor Franklin, Ron opened the meeting at 9:00

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

Clerk assigned Deputy Clerk to take minutes.

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

At 9:10 Jay submitted the Skid steer lease agreement for signatures. John inquired if a Compactor to fix potholes had been found. Discussion continued with several options mentioned; including an attachment that could work with the Skid steer, as well as, contracting work out to a company specializing in pothole patching. Jay will report back at next meeting. Jay reported 2nd cattle guard completed and signs have gone up.

John moved for a 5 minute executive session at 9:28 for non-elected personnel to include Jay Schmidt, County Attorney, County Clerk and Deputy County Clerk. Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:32 with no action taken.

Next, Jay said Bruce has asked that Derry be transferred back to Noxious Weed. County Clerk, Kristi noted that this will need to be reviewed as it is the middle of the pay period.

Ron called for a 5 min break at 9:40 and at 9:45 Matt presented bids for lawn maintenance from 4 local landscapers. Masterson Design Group out of Hutchinson was the only bid which adhered to the required specifications. Additionally, Matt placed an ad for county-wide mowing bids, preferably obtaining a long term contract. Ron moved to approve the Masterson bid, utilizing the Building Fund for said expense. Bert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At this point, Bert removed himself from conversation and Matt presented the only bid submitted for repair work needed on the North and West steps of the Courthouse. Pueblo Concrete gave the bid of \$7080. Ron moved to approve Pueblo Concrete to complete work with funding to be taken from Capital Outlay. Ron moved to accept Pueblo Concrete's bid, John seconded. Motion carried 2-0 as Bert waived his vote.

At this time, Kristi joined Matt with a proposal for a new timekeeping system which will facilitate an overall savings for the Courthouse and decrease the amount of man hours utilized for processing employee timesheets. Ron moved to accept the proposal and use funds from Equipment Reserve. Bert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:41 Kristi came on behalf of the Sheriff's Office to submit a new job description of Detention Sargent. Ron moved to approve, John seconded, motion was carried 3-0. Kristi then presented three employee payroll changes which were approved by consensus.

Clerk left at 10:44

At 10:45 Bert Lowery presented a Quit Claim Deed on property for Ki Gamble to purchase from the County. Bert moved to sell Ki the 0.03 acre of land for \$60.00. Ron motioned to approve, John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner discussion commenced at 11:00 with Bert leaving the meeting and Scott presented several House & Senate Bills pertinent for county review. KPLG membership discussion was tabled for next meeting. John proposed to waive fee for Haviland City Hall for Clean-up Day on 4/25/15. This discussion was tabled until next meeting.

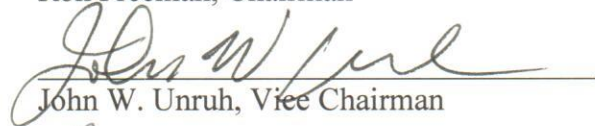
At 11:45 Ron opened a letter from the Kiowa County Library asking the Commissioners to approve the appointment of Sam Bucher as a new Board member to serve from 2015-2019 and to reappoint board member, Jan Rush to her second term from 2014-2018. Appointment carried 2-0. John inquired if the County's health insurance renewal date had been changed to July 1st in order to assist with budget planning. Clerk will bring to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman




John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:


Shannan McMahon, Deputy County Clerk