

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
March 2, 2015

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, John Riggins, Jay Schmidt, Scott James, Josh Smith from Klaver Construction and Shannan McMahan.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ron Freeman, Chairman opened the meeting. Ron moved to approve consent agenda to include corrections to the minutes, John seconded and motion was carried 3-0.

Jay came to inform Commissioners that the '06 Sheep's-foot compactor which they had intended to purchase has been sold. Jay will look for a new unit to purchase. Next, Jay presented an evaluation and payroll change for Richard Koehn. Jay indicated that while Richard's evaluation earned him a 2% increase, he thought that giving him an extra 1% for his 35 years of employment might be a good incentive for others' longevity. John brought up the issue of gravel in the ditches on county roads and discussion was had regarding how to remedy. Jay will look into best options. Jay then stated that he gave a verbal reprimand to Joel Schmidt regarding his dogs running loose at the landfill. Joel agreed to keep them confined.

At 9:12 Bids for the 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Low Water Crossing were opened. There were three bids submitted from the following firms: L&M Contractors, Inc. of Great Bend for \$59,695.20, Heft & Sons, LLC of Greensburg for \$80,302.50 and Klaver Construction of Kingman for \$70,045.50. John Unruh inquired who L&M is and John Riggins gave his opinion that they would give a quality product. After further review of all bids, John moved to award the job to L&M Construction. Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0 with an agreement that work would start no later than Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and completed in a 20 day time frame.

Ron asked Jay if a decision had been made regarding pothole repairs and discussion ensued over whether they should be contracted out. Jay will find out more about a Bobcat tamper cost.

Ron asked for a break at 9:37 and at 9:42 meeting resumed.

Ron adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the Board of Health to order.

9:45-Board of Health- Mitzi Hesser came to discuss that she is working on Grants for SFY 2016. She will be requesting the same amount of \$2000.00 as last year for Family Planning. Health Department has been prepping for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Health Fair bringing 25 vendors and testing prices will remain the same. Next, Mitzi submitted a payroll change for Marsha Klein for a merit increase. Bert moved to accept payroll change and John seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Lastly, Mitzi addressed Private Billing stating that the Health office doesn't pursue delinquent billing due to Family Planning policy agreement which states that after 3 notices have been sent, unpaid balances will be brought to Commissioners for review and finally, after 12 months of bill unpaid, client will no longer be held responsible and account zeroed out. John moved to approve, Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Board of Health meeting adjourned at 10:28. Regular session began.

Ron called for 2 minute break at 10:29, meeting resumed at 10:31.

Kristi Cooper presented payroll change for Shannan McMahon due to title change from Administrative Assistant to Deputy County Clerk. Bert motioned to approve, John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, Kristi asked the Commissioners if they would allow a representative from EagleMed to come talk to them. John stated that there had already been a resolution passed that no reps from Life Watch or Eagle Med needed to talk to the Commissioners. However; a rep may address employees who may be interested in obtaining those services independent of the County.

Commissioner Discussion commenced at 10:38.

John Unruh questioned whether Kiowa County should become a member of Kansas Legislative Policy Group as they are the only county that is not a member. County Clerk will research and report back to Commissioners.

11:04- Scott James introduced Severed Minerals discussion in regard to the recording of Mineral Interests for taxation purposes. Scott cited Kansas Statutes: 79-425a. and 79-420., which qualifies that it, is the responsibility of the Landowner(s) to ensure changes are recorded with the Register of Deeds who then furnishes changes to the County Clerk. Further, if reserves or leases are not recorded within 90 days after execution, they shall become void if not listed for taxation.

At 11:13 Ron presented a letter he & Bert received from Stafford County for South Central Kansas Commissioners of Engineers asking for membership dues. Decision was made to forward the letter to Jay Schmidt for his perusal and Deputy Clerk will review if dues were paid previously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16.

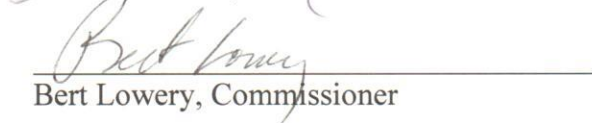
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Shannan McMahon, Deputy County Clerk