

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
March 28, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Janet McMurray, Matt Christenson, Joel Schmidt, Keith Bachman and Jay Wade.

After the pledge of allegiance, John Unruh opened the meeting.

John moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Accounts payable and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John moved to accept the tax corrections and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Bert moved to approve 3 payroll changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron moved to sign the shared radio frequencies with Ford County and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge supervisor, came with the following:

Gunnar presented prices for sand as follows: Heft & Sons \$65 per ton, APAC \$61.88 per ton & Venture \$74.68 per ton. Gunnar will use Heft & Sons and by consensus they agreed. Also he asked to hire a FT grader operator and will look into promoting someone to road foreman later and by consensus they agreed. Next he asked about the RV park and explained informed the Commissioner's that there hasn't been anyone camping there and would like to talk with Zane with Triangle Rodeo Club about moving them to the fairgrounds for this year's rodeo. Last he reported that the John Deere Loader was taken to Murphy for head gasket repairs,

Break 9:38

Meeting began at 9:43

Janet McMurray with Blue Cross & Blue Shield (BCBS) came to talk to them about getting a quote for Health Insurance and by consensus the Commissioners would like to see a quote from BCBS to compare with BMI for 2014. She informed them that she would get the information she needs from the Clerk's office and come back in August.

Kristie asked for a 15 executive session at 10:02 for non-elected personnel to include the County Attorney. Ron moved for 15 minute executive session and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:17 with no action taken.

John asked for a 10 minute executive session for at 10:19 for non-elected personnel. Ron moved for a 10 minute executive and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:29 with no action taken.

Joel Schmidt, Solid Waste Supervisor came with the following:

Keith Bachman and Jay Wade with Foley came to present bids for a compactor. After much discussion the Commissioner decided to park the compactor and use the track loader for 6 months and will decide what to do in six months.

Matt Christenson came with the following:

He informed the Commissioners that the geo-thermal line at the Commons was cut and he has reported it to Donna at Banco and EMC. John asked if the company that cut the line would be responsible and Matt informed them that he has been in contact with AT&T and if he will be in contact with our

County Attorney if there are any concerns about the accident. He then gave quotes for mechanical service agreements for the Courthouse, Commons, Jail and R&B buildings. There was no action taken on the service agreements.

Break at 11:16

Meeting began at 11:26

John moved for a 10 minutes executive session for non-elected personnel to include Gunnar at 11:20. Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:30 with no action taken.

Joel Schmidt came back to ask for a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 11:35. Bert moved and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:50 with no action taken.

Bert stepped out.

During open forum they discussed the Fleener's Funeral Home bill and Scott read the Statute K.S.A. 22a-233 regarding the County General to pay for the embalming when the Coroner asked for an autopsy. John asks to hold the check until the County Attorney can look further into the matter. John moved to approve AP with the exception of Fleener's Funeral Home bill and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.


Bert rejoined meeting.

Kristie asked to discuss the topic of recording Commissioners meetings. After much discussion the meetings will not be recorded at this time by the County Clerk. Clerk will report this to the department head meeting next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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John W. Unruh, Chairman

  
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Bert Lowery, Commissioner

  
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Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Kristie Odle, County Clerk