

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
May 29, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Franklin Ruff, Matt Christenson, Sue Greenleaf & Cynthia Pyatt.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR reports, AP reports and 5-18 minutes.  
Ron opened the meeting following the prayer given by Franklin Ruff.

Bert Lowery absent

John moved to approve the consent agenda and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Jay reported he is down a couple of guys for the mowing crew but would like to hire a few part-time mowing employees and by consensus they agreed to allow him to hire a few and to put an ad in the county paper in hopes to get maybe a couple of college or high school kids for the summer. Other items discussed were motor grader leases for 2016 and a local road safety plan through the state for assistance on funding for future projects. Next he presented some payroll changes for R Looney (resignation) D Stone (termination), Harry Blair (merit increase) and Derry Liggett (merit increase). John moved to approve the changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Ron called for a break at 9:36 and regular session began at 9:45

Kari Kyle came to ask for them to appoint Gene Bender as the new Counsel of Aging board member. John moved to appoint Gene and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. The Clerk will send out a letter to inform him of the new appointment.

Cynthia Pyatt arrived at 9:48

Sue Greenleaf and Cynthia Pyatt came to present the 2016 budget request for the museum. After some discussion John informed them that due to the decrease in oil and gas valuation they are considering make budget cuts and that their budget would be cut drastically. Sue asked him to reconsider this statement and give them at least a year before cutting them. John added he didn't feel that they needed to hire a fulltime director and added this is his opinion not as a board and Sue agreed but explained they would need continued funding to keep the soda fountain and museum running. Sue asked what to expect in funding and he explained he wouldn't know till budget workshop came.

Cynthia Pyatt left at 10:19

Sue Greenleaf next presented the 2016 Economic Development budget request and gave some updates she has been working on. She did report that the U.S Postal Service came Wednesday (May 27) and made the statement they would be bringing a permanent post office back to Greensburg and within 30 days they would commit to a building. She also added she has spoken with the mayor of Mullinville regarding a grant that would help them with the waterline project they would like to start in the near future. And last she touched on the topic of the ROZ program and explained the importance of it and

asked the Commissioners to consider raising the appropriation of \$1500 per year to \$1500 per application up to \$10,000.

Kristi Cooper presented payroll changes for M Estes (resignation), T Finch (new hire) and W Tripoli (new hire). Ron moved to approve the changes and John seconded, motion carried 2-0. The clerk informed them she would be out of the office next week for her Sanborn Master County Clerk training in Wichita.

During Commissioner Discussion the topic discussed was to list the old maintenance truck on purple wave and get with Matt on details. Matt arrived at 11:06. Matt informed them they had planned on listing it with some of the other R&B equipment when Gunnar was here and it had just over seen since the change in department supervisors. But he will get with Jay and see when he would be listing some next. Next they talked about the lawn and what options were best for grass seeds. After much discussion they asked Matt to see if they could change the seed to from fescue to buffalo and to get a quote. Last John asked Matt about the roof on the Commons building and Matt explained he is working on the issue.

Ron called for a break at 11:10 and regular session began at 11:11

Scott added to the discussion about his juvenile detention meeting he had attended.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
Ron Freeman, Chairman

  
John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman

Attest:

  
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk