

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
May 30, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, Mitzi Hesser, Lorena Lothman, Laura Gwin, Kendal Lothman, Grant Neuhold, Ray Stegman, DJ McMurry, Barrett Smith, Kathryn Ritter, Eric Friesen, Adam Wagner & Jerry Keene.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, AP & PR reports, 5-19-14 minutes.

After the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Scott James, Bert called the meeting to order.

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

Gunnar came to present the State Noxious Weed spraying contract for signatures. Ron moved to adopt Resolution 2014-15 for the State contract and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Gunnar wanted to discuss the trash compactor and after some discussion on selling it or rebuilding the engine it was by consensus to allow Gunnar to put it up on Purple Wave to sell. Then Gunnar asked to sell the 91 Kenworth tuck and old Broce broom on Purple Wave and by consensus they agreed to sell those too. Gunner also added he was making some changes to the grader routes by adding Jay Schmidt. Next Gunnar asked Eric Friesen to come up and talk with them about the 1000 and 2000 hour service plan through Foley. After much discussion John moved to table the discussion till Monday and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break at 9:51 and regular session began at 9:55.

Adam Wagner came to introduce himself as the new Theatre director and gave some updates on the status of how the Theatre is coming along. Also he projected an opening date on Labor Day weekend.

Matt Christenson and DJ McMurry came to discuss the maintenance truck. Matt informed the commissioners that the truck needs a new transmission and the quote on getting the truck fixed was around \$3000. He reminded them that they only gave \$2000 for the truck and the cost of repairs was more than the truck is valued. Matt asked permission to sell the truck as is on Purple Wave and by consensus they agreed. DJ informed the commissioners he would like to look at buying a new truck and that he would give their old truck to the maintenance department. By consensus they agreed to allow DJ to get bids on a new truck. DJ will report back once he gets some bids. Next Matt informed that the Museum needed to buy some new bulbs for the exhibits and asked to switch to LED lights to help save on electricity and the LED lights would last longer than the ones they are using. John moved to purchase 3 cases of 60 bulbs for \$3840 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Matt did add he would be taking that out of the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Kendal Lothman came to request a 5 minute executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss an employee evaluation. Ron moved for the executive session at 10:46 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:51 with no action taken. Kendal then presented a payroll change for Toshia Hoover. Ron moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Odle came to request a 3 minute executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss an employee evaluation. Ron moved for the executive session at 10:53 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:56 with no action taken. Kristi presented a payroll change for Shannon McMahon. John moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ray Stegman and Barrett Smith came to discuss the Fairgrounds responsibilities and John explained that they would like to invite them back on Monday to discuss this topic. Next Barrett presented a bid from Brian Gumpenberger on repairing the red barn doors. There was no action taken on the quote. Next Barrett asked if the Fair Board could put in 6 park benches in the inside of the red barn on the south side at their expense. Ron moved to allow the fair board to install 6 park benches inside the red barn at their expense and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar came back to discuss the landfill operations. First he reported they had their inspection on household waste and that they need to decide on new hours and he also presented a updated tonnage report. Things that were discussed were operational hours, staff hour changes, household waste. The only action taken was on the household waste. Ron moved to make household waste by appointment only and to change the sign and Bert seconded, motion carried. John added they needed to take more time on discussing possible changes for the landfill. Gunnar did add that Nisley will start collecting the recycle July 1st and that he has designated areas for the dumpsters and he will get those notices in the paper.

Next Kathryn Ritter came to ask about clarification on who has control of the artifacts from the old museum and by consensus they agreed that is the County Historical Board responsibility.

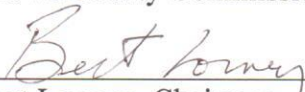
Ray Stegman and Barrett Smith came back to request a 15 minute executive session for nonelected personnel to include only the Commissioners. Ron moved for the executive session at 12:05 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 12:20 with no action taken.

Break 12:20 and regular session began at 12:25


During Commissioner Discussion, Scott went over the letter he drew up for Kansas Natural Resource Coalition and by consensus they asked him to send the letter to all the County Attorneys that are involved with the coalition. Next Bert expressed concern about the beer garden at the Rodeo this last weekend and that he was informed they had moved it to the Community building due to weather and that the Commissioners were not informed. Next Ron informed he was approached by a tax payer in Mullinville about Main Street in front of the Rec gym and was asked if the County would be willing to look at fixing the 2 inch drop off of the city connecting link of Main Street to prevent accidents. Kristi also added concern on the drop off due to her polling palace for Elections is located in the Rec gym. Ron will talk with the tax payer about going to the City council about the issue and see about them fixing it due to that being their responsibility.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58.

Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John W. Uhrh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk