

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
May 31, 2016**

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Aaron Heft, Steve Heft, Chris Tedder, Scott James, Chris Tedder, Kyler Ludwig and Karen Butler attended the meeting. John Unruh was absent.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll and Accounts Payable reports and 5-16-16 minutes

After the Prayer was given, Ron opened the meeting.

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

Kristi Cooper opens her discussion regarding placement of a permanent mail box and drop off mail box on the premises at the courthouse. She asked for permission to place it on the west side of the Courthouse along the curb. Ron moved to give permission to Kristi to place the new mail box per her discretion and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Jay Schmidt came forward and presented the 2017 KDOT Bureau of maintenance county agreement to treat noxious weeds for signature. Next she presented a payroll change for James Beall to fill a vacancy for a part-time mower hand. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Jay gave updates which included, grading, CDL requirement for grader operators, trees down from previous storm in 3 different locations, items sold on purple wave and road supervisor.

Sealed bids for the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave asphalt overlay were opened at 9:30.

Steve Heft from Heft and Sons LLC presented his sealed bid and Ron opened the bid and after they review it Bert read the bid was for \$114,048. Bert moved to accept the only bid from Heft and Sons, LLC for \$114,048 and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Karen Butler came to discuss possible action on a surveyor appointment. After some discussion it was agreed to not appoint a surveyor for Kiowa County.

Chris Tedder came forward and presented two payroll changes for W Tripoli and T Finch for a yearly evaluation and merit increase and also two payroll changes for T Hoover and R Martin to move from full-time to part-time status. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next Chris presented a couple of quotes for new patrol vehicles and explained he has several vehicles with high mileage and he would like to start to put the vehicles on an replacement rotation every year and also attached the vehicle replacement schedule for their review. Lastly, he wanted to talk about the South West Juvenile Detention that we are in contract for \$13,000 and expressed concern due to even after paying the contract they still have to pay for each placement of a juvenile and feels it would be in the County best interest to end the contract. After some discussion with Scott since he is on the board they decided to table it till the next meeting when John was present to discuss the vehicle purchase and South West Juvenile Detention contract.

No discussion for Commissioner Discussion.


---


May 31, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 10:49


**Kiowa County Commission:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John W. Unruh, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Next Commissioner meeting date will be June 6<sup>th</sup> located in the basement conference room.