

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
September 30, 2013

Present: John Unruh, Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Ray Stegman and J.W Keene.

After the pledge of allegiance, John opened the meeting  
Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with John's addition of possible action on adopting Resolution calling for an end to unsustainable Federal spending and debt and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk presented 2014 Holiday request. After going over the Holidays for 2014 Bert moved to approve the following Holidays : New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, ½ day on Christmas Eve, Christmas and Day after Christmas. Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar presented the High Risk Rural Roads signage contract for the North of 54 Hwy. Next he presented figures for options on buying or leasing a new skid loader. Discussion was tabled until Gunnar can get more quotes. Next they talked about purchasing shoulder rock from Rick Sherer on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave project. After much discussion John moved to use the crushed concrete that the county already has for the shoulders on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0, Ron withheld from the vote. Next he asked if he could attend the SWANA conference November 7<sup>th</sup> with Joel Schmidt and KAC on October 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> and by consensus they agreed.

Break 9:54

Ray Stegman came and asked for a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations regarding the recently purchased tower North of Greensburg to include the Clerk and County Attorney. John moved for a 10 minute executive session at 10:00 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:10 with no action taken.

John presented a copy of a Resolution that Sedgwick County adopted and expressed his concerns on the topic and was in favor of passing the Resolution. By consensus they agreed to have the Clerk draw up the Resolution to have ready to pass at the next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

During Commissioner Discussion Scott presented a copy of the letter he had received from Mary Sweet from KCMH regarding collection of delinquent accounts. John asked him to forward a copy to each board member to let them know of the outstanding amounts of unpaid patient bills.

Gunnar came back to discuss skid loader options from White Star. After much discussion Bert moved to lease a new Bobcat Skid Loader and a purchase of a new breaker attachment from White Star and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Gunnar will come back with a contract once it has been drawn up.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32

Kiowa County Commission:

*John W Unruh*  
John W Unruh, Chairman

*Bert Lowery*  
Bert Lowery, Commissioner

*Ronald Freeman*  
Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest: *Kristie Odle*  
Kristie Odle, County Clerk