

**Kiowa County Commissioners Special Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
July 12, 2017**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Chris Tedder, Karen Butler, Matt Christenson, Kyler Ludwig, Rosa Spainhour, Theresa Dasenbrock and Lisa Axman attended the meeting.

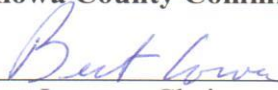
Bert called the special meeting to order at 9:00 to go over the 2018 County budget requests with our Auditors, Theresa Dasenbrock and Lisa Axman from Lewis, Hooper & Dick and LLC.

Before the budget process began Theresa shared comparison graphs for population, totals milled levied last year, assessed tangible valuations, total levies that was compared to surrounding counties and cities. And then went into the audit process and explained some observations and recommendations such as minutes missing resolution numbers, quarterly statements showing balances of County funds, Cemetery Districts not filing their annual reports with the Commissioners, Extension Council reporting interest on financial reports, Library to upgrade to use financial software and typing their board minutes instead of being hand written.

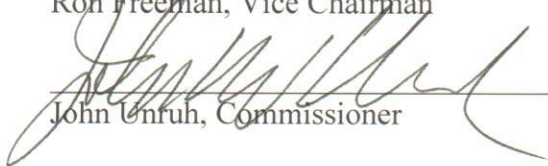
Next they moved into the budget process. Theresa informed them that with budgets that were presented and with the changes they made on the meeting of July 10th they would be looking at a 3.841 mill increase making it a total of 76.845 mills to fund the requests that were submitted. After some changes to transfers and more budget discussions Ron moved to set the 2018 mill levy as 76.941 for publication and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Theresa informed them that will the changes there will be an increase for 3.937 mills from last year. The budget hearing will be August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am during the regular Commissioner's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11.04

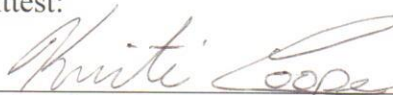
**Kiowa County Commission:**

  
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Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Vice Chairman

  
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John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk