

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
September 29, 2017

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Travis Payne, Chay Howard and Wade Reh, Matt Christenson and Debbie Price attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll and AP reports and Commissioner minutes of 9/18:

After the prayer was given by Nick Sterner, Bert opened the meeting and Ron moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and John seconded motion carried 3-0.

Travis came forward to give updates for R&B, Solid Waste and Noxious Weed. He reported they had their inspection for Solid Waste and there were some issues on disposal for chemicals. He explained that he will be going to class to get educated on the process. He also reported that he is waiting for Kirkham and Michael to come out to inspect a bridge on 55th Ave and G St due to some of the deck cracking out and that it isn't safe for the current weight rate of 68,000 pounds and explained that he needs to change to weight limit but needs to be done through a resolution. John moved to approve Resolution 2017-17 to change the limit to 11,000 pounds and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. A payroll change for T Ahrens was presented for a department change from Solid Waste to Road & Bridge. Ron moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he talked about leasing or purchasing a 10-foot mowing deck to help with the mowing out. He presented some lease figures from John Deere. After some discussion, they tabled it till the next meeting so Travis can get some figures on purchasing it. They also talked about the continued discussion on paving Scott and Grant street. It was tabled till the Clerk could find the minutes on them and report back. Ron addressed some concerns he had received regarding crushed concrete and minimum maintenance roads.

Break at 9:46 for 5 minutes.

Matt Christenson came forward with figures on replacing the solar panels on the Commons roof from \$15,426 has been approved from EMC on the insurance claim. John moved to approve King Solar bid and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Roof repair numbers from PEC's engineer was presented. They are in agreeance to ask for the full repair cost of \$104,090 and the engineer expenses from Compton if not then they will proceed with taking legal actions.

Break at 10:21 for 10 minutes.

Debbie Price came forward to introduce Wade Reh as the new extension agent. She came to ask if she could waive the rental fee for Farm Bureau for their meeting and after some discussion it was by consensus that no rental fee be waived without prior approval from the Commissioner's. They discussed the current rental fees and after some discussion John moved to make all nonalcoholic events \$100 and \$300 for all alcoholic events and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break at 10:38 for 5 minutes

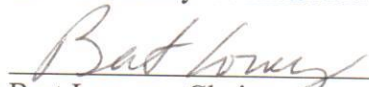
Kristi Cooper presented payroll changes for W. Tripoli (separation), P. Capansky (resignation) & S. Fisher (merit increase) for approval. After some discussion John moved to approve the payroll changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she addressed the employer share rate changes for KPERS in 2018.

Travis came back to request a 5-minute executive session for employee relations for non-elected personnel. Ron moved for the executive session at 11:04 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:09 with no action taken.

No topics discussed during commissioner discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27.

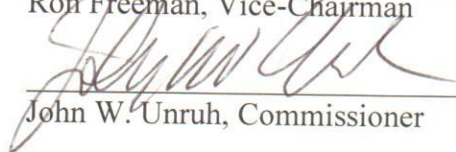
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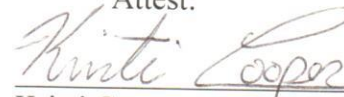
Bert Lowery, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Vice-Chairman



John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk