

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting**  
**Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room**  
**April 18, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Jeff Blackburn, Chris Tedder, Franklin Ruff and Kari Ulrich, Matt Christenson, Karen Butler and Chay Howard attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll and AP reports and 4-4-16 and 4-11-16 minutes  
After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to 4-4-16 minutes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kerri Ulrich came in place for Mitzi for the Board of Health meeting (BOH). John adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the BOH meeting to order at 9:08. Kerri gave updates which included; health fair results, grants being submitted for next year, service totals for the health department. John adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular meeting back to order at 9:13

Jay Schmidt came forward and presented a contract for the High Risk Rural signage construction contract for Kiowa County from KDOT. After Scott reviewed it Bert moved to approve the contract and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. He also informed them of projects they are working on such as; projects using the zipper, Mullinville Cemetery Bridge dates and Haviland blacktop project dates. John asked for a 5 minutes executive session for discuss contract negotiations at 9:44 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:49 with no action taken.

John called for a break at 9:44 and regular session began at 9:55.

Santa Fe Community Corrections came forward and presented their 2017 comp plan. After they explained the report Ron moved to approve to sign the Community Comprehensive plan with Santa Fe for 2017 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for K Martin for a new part-time jailer at the Sheriff office. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John called for a break at 10:30 and regular session began at 10:35.

Chay Howard came forward to introduce himself and to give a little background on him and why he has applied for the Assistant County Attorney. Scott joined in on the discussion. Scott will conduct an personal interview and will let the Commissioners know what he decides.

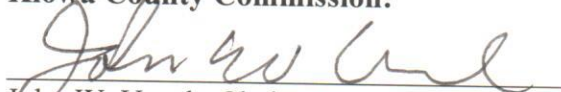
Matt Christenson came forward to discuss storage needs to the courthouse and sheriff office. Matt presented three ideas which were; salt mines in hutch for storage, electronic files and storage structure. After comparing the pro and cons it was by consensus to go towards building a structure underground but asked Matt to get with City on codes for building new or building on a preexisting structure.

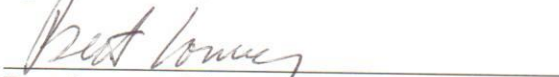
John called for a break at 11:27 and regular session began at 11:32.

During Commissioner Discussion the clerk presented a quit claim deed for the purchase of the land from the land auction that was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> to Jay Schmidt. Bert moved to sign the quit claim deed and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Other items discussed were health insurance for the commissioners and county valuations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52

**Kiowa County Commission:**

  
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John W. Unruh, Chairman

  
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Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk