

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
April 30, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, Barrett Smith, Pam Muntz, Jeff Blackburn, Brenda Osborne, Derek Barth, Jerry Keene, Debbie Allison, Mary Lou Schenk, Marilyn Goodheart, Janice Rush & Traci Gumpenberger.

Consent agenda includes: Agenda, Accounts Payable/Payroll Reports, and Minutes of the following meetings; 4-7 canvassing of election, 4-7, 4-21 & 4-28 special meeting.

After Jeff Blackburn gave the prayer, Bert called the meeting to order.

Before approving the consent agenda John expressed concerns on overtime in the Sheriff's Office. Next, Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to approve the following: Resolution 2014-9 for Consumption of Liquor at the Fairgrounds on May 15th – 18th, Resolution 2014-10 for Consumption of Liquor at the Fairgrounds on July 11th – 13th, Resolution 2014-11 for Consumption of Liquor at the Fairgrounds on October 3rd – 5th, Resolution 2014-12 for Consumption of Liquor at the Fairgrounds on September 18th – 21st, Resolution 2014-13 for Consumption of Liquor at the Fairgrounds on October 10th – 12th and Resolution 2014-14 for Consumption of Liquor at the Fairgrounds on November 27th – 30th. Bert seconded, motion carried 2-1 (John voted no for public safety).

Gunnar requested a 5- minute executive session for non-elected personnel to review two employee evaluations. John moved to the executive session at 9:10 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began a 9:15 with no action taken. Gunnar presented two Payroll changes for Sean Kost and Rodney Sangster. John moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Gunnar came to talk about High Risk Rural Roads for signage, Kirk and Michael being the engineers on any bridge projects and recycling being handled by an outside company due to costs. Ron moved to have Kirk & Michael as the engineers on any bridge projects in Kiowa County and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break at 9:45 and regular session began at 9:50.

Chad Pore and Rosa Spainhour came to give Ambulance updates. Also Chad announced his resignation effective May 11th and Rosa will be taking over as the director.

Matt Christenson, Barrett Smith and Pam Muntz came to discuss future management of the Fairgrounds including the Community building. After some discussion, John moved to have the Extension office take over management of the Fairgrounds and Community building effective May 1st, 2014 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break at 10:24 and regular session began at 10:32.


Derek Barth with Midwest Single Source came to give a proposal on the postage machine. After some discussion with Brenda Osborne they decided to accept bids on the service.

Debbie Allison came with some of the Library board members (see attached sign-in sheet) to discuss their budget. After a long discussion the Commissioners asked her to come back with her 2015 budget request before the budget workshop in July.

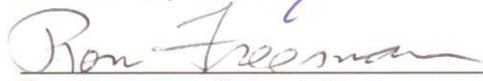
During Commissioner Discussion, Gunnar came back to let them know that Foley is interested in buying the old compactor from the Landfill for \$17,000. After some discussion, by consensus they asked him to contact Foley with their offer of \$20,000 and ask about applying their offer towards our grader lease payment. John requested for a 5- minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 12:01 to include the Clerk and Matt Christenson. Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 12:06. Ron moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes longer and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began 12:11 with no action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk

