

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
August 31, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Matt Christenson, Chris Tedder, Jay Schmidt, Jeff Blackburn, Karen Butler and Tyler Wolwig.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, AP reports and 8-17 minutes.

Ron opened the meeting following the prayer by Jeff Blackburn.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came and presented 3 payroll changes for C. Cagle, L. Thornesbery and C. Tuttle for merit increases. After a few questions regarding their merit scores Bert moved for a 10 minute executive session at 9:07 for non-elected personnel and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:17 with no action taken. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Jay then gave updates which included overlaying and patching on Belvidere and Brenham blacktop, scheduling blading this week, State trucks on purple wave and the dirt from the project supervisor on the Mullinville Bridge wasn't what he had expected so he didn't receive any. John added concerns about Mull farms spraying the ditches and to send letters to farmers who leave their end gun on their irrigation that sprays on the roads.


Matt Christenson and Chris Tedder came to talk about the 911 phone system and the changes to the system. After some discussion and looking over the options John moved to keep the existing service with AT&T and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Matt explained due to the cost of the transition of new phones the cost would not be able to be funded from the Sheriff budget but asks if it could be paid out of the Special Equipment Reserve Fund. John moved to approve the purchases for the new phones and system and to take funds out of the Special Equipment Reserve Fund and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next they talked about the restrooms at the concession stands and they decided after they were done with Commissioner Discussion they would go out and look at the project to get a better idea of the project. Before Chris left he mentioned he hired Clay Parkin back as a full time deputy and he will submit a payroll change to the Clerk.

During Commissioner Discussion the Clerk informed them that the Media Center would be here to take pictures of them and the other employees who want their picture on the new County website on the September 8<sup>th</sup> Scott said he would get his and Chris Tedder also agreed too prior to the meeting. By consensus they agreed to have their picture taken for the County website.

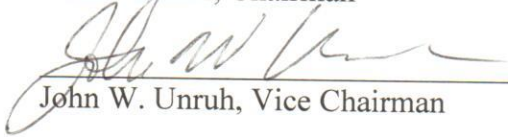
Ron adjourned the meeting at 10:50 and stated they would continue at 11:00 at the concession stands at the fairgrounds. After looking at the sewer pipes and the stalls they asked Matt to get bids out for raising the stools to help with the grade of draining.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16.

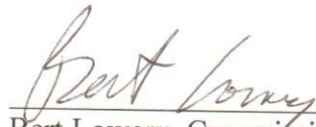
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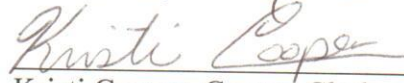
Ron Freeman, Chairman



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

