

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
August 31, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Terry Mayhew, Chris Tedder, and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, AP & PR reports, minutes of 8-15-16 minutes

After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

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

D.J McMurry came to present 2 payroll changes for M Moore and K Zenger. After review Bert moved to approve the changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates which included grading and patching. He informed them due to the rain we have been getting has delayed the patching. Next John asked about the quality of Asphalt we have been getting and Jay did agree the asphalt is dry but informed them that he had talked with Steve Heft with Heft and Sons, LLC and Steve agreed and that he would work with Jay to make it right. Jay also mentioned that Steve recommended to lay tack oil down on the Olive Street overlay and that would help it stick. Jay then went on to talk about county owned bridges and informed them that the private road sound of 57th Ave that goes to Chitwood Ranch the bridge has been maintained by the County and just wanted clarification if the County owns the rights to it or if they made an agreement to maintain the bridge when and if the road was made private. The clerk will look into it and let Jay know.

John called for a break at 9:30 to 9:45.

Matt Christenson came to ask for clarification on cell phone usage for maintenance and janitorial positions. After some discussion it was by consensus that in the minutes of February 18, 2014 it was to be clarified that cell phone reimbursement is for both the maintenance and janitorial positions and not just by the employees who were mentioned. Ron moved to approve the clarification and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Cooper presented payroll changes for M Tedder (employment status to part time), J Parkin (new hire) and J Tabor (resignation). John moved to approve the changes as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Kristi wanted to inform the Commissioners of City Special Assessments that have been certified each year that is already delinquent for properties and personal property taxes. She explained that some of the ones on the list have been delinquent since 2007 and each year she adds the special assessments that are certified and expresses concern of just letting those properties build up in delinquent taxes and asks that the Commissioners look into pursuing the properties for future tax sales. John added he would like to pursue the properties for a tax sale and asked Scott to look into them. Additionally she added that Mitzi would like to hire a part time position for 16 hours per month to assist with the foot care clinics they do. Bert moved to approve the position and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John called for a break at 10:23 till 10:30.

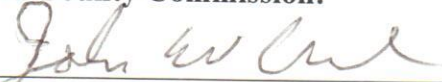
Chris Tedder came to inform the Commissioners that the engine in the charger locked up and that he had reached out to Davis Moore regarding purchasing a new charger for \$25,500 and purchasing a 2016 Dodge truck for \$31,000. He also added he would trade in the Traverse that was given by the Health department and selling his truck he should not have much left to pay but would report back. Additionally he added with the 2 vehicle purchases this year that the next two years he would purchase one new patrol car each year and then on the third year he would go back to the two car rotation per his vehicle rotation schedule he presented to them earlier this month.

Scott presented the 2013 and 2014 financial reports for the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital that he requested from the Great Plains office out of Wichita for review with the Commissioners.

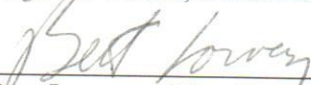
During Commissioner Discussion they discussed the Belvidere School House and Wind Turbines. John expressed that he was not interested in putting any more money into the school house and that he is not sure they want to do anything with the structure at this time. After some additional discussion Scott added he would look into the historical society to see if it is a historical mark and if so to see if they could get federal grants to help pay for the improvements. Ron received a call from Kim Goodnight regarding our transmission line and that he is willing to talk to them at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34


Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on September 6, 2016 in the basement conference room.