

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 15, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Darrell Dupree, Keith Beckman, Matt Christenson, Sue Greenleaf, Alesa Miller, Jeff Miller, Ed Truelove, Mitzi Hesser, Rosa Spainhour, Chris Tedder, Terry Mayhew and Mary Sweet.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, AP reports, PR reports and 12/01 minutes
Prayer was given by Terry Mayhew and Bert opened the meeting.

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

Clerk presented Tax Corrections for approval. John moved to approve the corrections and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk presented two bids from Foley and Murphy Tractor & Equipment for loader bids. The Commissioners open the sealed bids and looked them over. John tabled the discussion until next meeting. Next, Gunnar gave R&B updates, which included the ITC post assessment & Noxious Weed remaining 2014 budget. Gunnar explained he was still waiting on a completion date for the post assessment from ITC. Next he informed them that the Noxious Weed budget would have approximately \$100,000 left from 2014 budget and suggested he would like to look into a new medium duty truck for the spray rig. After some discussion, it was by consensus not to buy a new chemical truck this year. Next, Gunnar addressed the complaints he has been getting regarding the County roads. He informed that in 2014 he had laid 1150 tons of sand between road Y, 9th Ave & 12th Ave with a total of 28,000 tons of sand throughout the County. Gunnar then asked for an executive session for non-elected personal. John moved for the executive session at 9:40 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:45 with no action taken. Gunnar requests an extension of 5 minutes for executive session. Ron moved at 9:45 for another 5 minutes for the executive session for non-elected personnel and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:50 with no action taken.

Break at 9:50 and regular session began at 9:55

After break, Bert called the B.O.H (Board of Health) meeting to order with Mitzi Hesser. Mitzi gave updates for the health department which included; finishing up on this year's insurance billing, has put out her salvation army buckets in multiple locations and Wic program has generated \$32,200 throughout the County, \$26,000 for Dillon's and \$6200 for Haviland Hardware. Bert adjourned the B.O.H meeting and called the regular session back to order.

Rosia Spainhour came to introduce her staff Christina Thornesbery, Kaylan Jones & Alexandria Dick and presented the awards she had received for the Safe Kids program for 2014. Next, she asked to encumber the remaining Ambulance funds of \$2121.59 and John moved to approve the encumbrance and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk just added to have her write a formal request for the funds.

Matt Christenson came with an update from EMC on claims for May regarding the fairgrounds and roofs at the Courthouse, gazebo, sheriff's office and Commons building. It was by consensus to not fix the fairground building and to put the funds back in the building fund and get a quote for the Sheriff's Office roof and gazebo for the spring and report back. He informed he had received \$42,843.34 from EMC for total damages.

Alissa Miller came to inform the Commissioners that in May they will be having a carnival coming for the Rodeo and asked for assistance on the cost of electricity, trash, etc. Sue Greenleaf joined in on the conversation and after some discussion they asked her to come back once she has gotten more information and an estimated cost of what they will need assistance on from the County.

Chris Tedder came to announce he had hired Sue McVey back as the head Jail supervisor. Payroll change was presented for Sue. John moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, Ed Truelove came up to discuss the dispatching contract with the City of Greensburg and County. Chris and Ed will work together on the renewal for dispatching for the City of Greensburg.

Break at 10:54 and regular meeting began at 10:59.

Kristi Cooper came to present payroll changes for Derry Liggett (dept. transfer), Jeffery Schmidt (resignation) and Clay Parkin (resignation). John moved to approve the payroll changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, Kristi presented a payroll change for Chelsey Cantrall for her yearly merit raise. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she asked who would be the new chairman in 2015 so she could prepare the proper documents and it was by consensus that Ron would move to chairman and John would be vice-chairman.

Break at 11:33 and regular meeting began at 11:40.

Matt Christenson came to discuss some different options for funding the increase of insurance for the self-funding premiums and options to fund the cost of living adjustments for 2015. During the discussion, John suggested to look at lowering the employee's insurance premium back to \$40 and \$125 instead of giving a cost of living increase. Kristi suggested talking with Rhonda Fernandez on changing the employee shares before making that decision due to the process of the renewal.

Break at 11:42 and regular meeting began at 11:52.


Rhonda joined the discussion via phone conference. She explained she could change the employee share but would need to know as soon as possible so they could get their end changed and get the corrected invoice out from BMI to the County so premiums would be correct. John also asked to look into changing the renewal date for next year so they would be able to look at the insurance costs during the budget workshop and she advised she would talk with BMI on changing the date and would report back after the first of the year. Phone conference with Rhonda ended. After more discussion, John moved to change the employee shares back to \$40 single and \$125 for family shares instead of a cost of living increase. Motion died due to no second. After more discussion, Ron moved to give all employees a 1.7% cost of living increase and leave the new employee premiums alone. John seconded but after more discussion, John withdrew his second. Motion died due to no second. Next, they looked at the pay plan for clarification on the cost of living increase. After some more discussion, it was by consensus not to give a cost of living crease due to the merit increase already given this year.

Next they talk about allocation of the pilot funds. The original pilot funds are \$700,000.35 with R&B receiving \$436,000. Bert moves to pay \$41,180.45 for Jail bond (\$20,238.01), Commons building bond (\$15,157.16) and R&B storage building bond (\$5785.28) and to transfer the remainder \$222,819.90 to the General fund to cover the increase of health insurance and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next they talked with Gunnar regarding the R&B shop bond for \$92,432 and ask him to talk with Theresa and he will report back at the next meeting.


During Commissioner Discussion, John added that he was not in favor of hosting the carnival at the fairgrounds in May and by consensus the other two agreed. Clerk will contact Sue and let her know their decision. Next Ron asked for clarification on the start date for the new secretary in the Emergency Management office. After some discussion, it was by everyone's understanding she would start as soon as Ray needed her so Lorena could train her.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45

Kiowa County Commission:




Bert Lowery, Chairman



Ronald Freeman, Vice Chairman



John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk