

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
December 21, 2015

Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Chris Tedder, Mitzi Hesser, Matt Christenson, Rhea Clark, Jay Wade, Terry Mayhew, Jeff Guy and Jay Schmidt.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports, and 12-7 minutes.

After prayer was given Ron called the meeting to order.

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

John requested a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations at 9:01 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:06 with no action taken.

Mitzi Hesser came forward for the Board of Health (BOH). Ron adjourned regular session and called BOH meeting to order at 9:09. Mitzi gave updates on the office which included; yearend items, care for prisoners and dog bite cases. Ron adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular meeting to order at 9:12. No action was taken in regular session.

Jay Schmidt came forward with Rhea Clark regarding damages to her property when Heft and Sons was on Belvedere blacktop doing an asphalt overlay for the County. She explained there were damages to her mailbox due to Heft and Sons when they pulled in her drive way and also informed them that she has been in contact with Heft and Sons since the damages were done and just hasn't gotten any answers. Jay explained he had contacted Steve Heft as well and still the issues haven't been resolved. She presented a bill for \$456.88 and after some discussion, John moved to pay the damages and to have Scott contact Heft and Sons regarding reimbursements for the damages of her mail box and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Foster came forward to request to purchase a new spraying rig truck for noxious weed out of the remaining 2015 budget. After some discussion they asked Bruce to provide quotes and to report back by the next meeting.

Jay Wade with Foley came forward and presented figures for a new Caterpillar grader. After some discussion on prices for purchasing or leasing the equipment John moved to approve the purchase with a yearly lease payment of \$22,180.46 and a balloon payment of \$129,300 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Wade left.

Next Jay Schmidt presented an engineering service agreement with Kirkham and Michael for 2016 for the High Risk Rural Roads signage project. John moved to sign the agreement and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Next on the agenda was Alice with PIC and wanted to talk to each of the commissioners separate regarding health insurance and due to HIPPA she asked to speak to them individually and so Ron adjourned the meeting at 10:05 and regular session began at 10:42 with no action taken.

Kristi presented the new postage meter contact with Pitney Bowes in absence of Brenda Osborne. Bert moved to renew the contract for 60 months (5 years) and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she presented two tax corrections. John moved to approve the tax corrections and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last she presented a payroll change for C Cantrall for a yearly merit increase of 2.5%. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Matt Christenson came forward to discuss G.O Bond for Commons building. After some discussion on what funds that would be used John moved to approve \$294,285.19 out of the Oil and Gas depletion fund to pay off the Commons building bond and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi presented the Cereal Malt beverage license for 54 Truck Stop in Mullinville for 2016. Bert moved to approve the license and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came back to give a few more updates which included, tire bids, 2016 landfill closings, fuel contracting, no seller fees on purple wave and cattle guards in Belvedere area.


During Commissioner Discussion the Clerk presented an encumbrance request for Kiowa County Fire and Emergency Management department. John requested that Jay and Ray come in with their encumbrance letters at the next meeting so they can discuss the requests with them.


Meeting was adjourned at 12:26.

Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman


Bert Lowery, Commissioner


John W Unruh, Vice - Chairman

ATTEST:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk