

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
February 28, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, DJ McMurry, Barrett Smith, Shelly Fisher & Jerry Keene.

After the pledge of Allegiance led by Scott, Bert called the meeting to order.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Tax Corrections presented and were held till D.J came in to discuss them at this time on the agenda.

Gunnar Stauth came to give R&B updates. Items discussed were Recycle survey for KDHE, Ground watering sampling, damages to roads 11th Ave and N St by ITC, Ventura project on shoulder rock, Solid Waste tools to be bought by R&B, Land fill updates, purchased Oil distributor delivery, new grader delivery. John moved for a 5 minute executive session to discuss contract negotiations for non-elected personnel at 9:14 to include County Attorney, County Clerk, Gunnar Stauth & Shelly Fisher. Regular session began 9:19 with no action taken. Gunnar informed the Commissioners that Frank Martin with Foley came out with the Montezuma saw for a demonstration last week. He added they would trade our turbo saw in for the new saw for \$2850. John moved to buy the Montezuma saw for \$2850 with the trade of our turbo saw and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Gunnar asked for permission to transfer \$131,000 from R&B to Special R&B. Ron moved to approve the transfer and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Lastly Gunnar presented a picture of the equipment that was released from the Solid Waste investigation and informed he would like to buy some of the equipment for R&B. After some discussion they agreed to allow him to buy some of the tools out of R&B budget from Solid Waste.

Break 9:44 and regular session began at 9:49.

Gunnar asked for a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Ron moved for a 10 minutes executive session for non-elected personnel to include the County Attorney, County Clerk & Shelly Fisher at 9:49 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:59 with no action taken. Gunnar presented a payroll change sheet for Richard Koehn for his yearly evaluation. Bert moved to approve the payroll change with a .32 cent per hour raise and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Matt Christenson came to report on the G.O Bond payments. He informed paying the two off this year saved \$283,863.91 in interest for the 30 year Bond life. Next he also updated that at a prior meeting he informed that the company who installed our new phones had asked for an additional \$6814 for supplies. He was able to return everything not used on the installation and saved the County \$5000. Last he informed that he had spoken with some locals that provided mowing services and wasn't able to receive bids on all of them but will report back once they are all received. He did add that between hiring someone part time to mow the properties verses bidding the properties it would be about the same amount of money spent except the County would not have to maintain the equipment.

DJ McMurry and Matt Christenson came to discuss purchasing a new pickup for the Appraisers office. Matt explained DJ encumbered \$5000 for a truck last year and that he has over \$19,000 in his Capital Outlay fund. DJ would be willing to use around \$10,000 out of the Capital Outlay fund to go towards

the purchase but asks if he could use the rest out of Courthouse Special Equipment and pay that back in the next couple of years. After much discussion Bert and Ron asked DJ to come back with bids on a new or used truck for the Appraisers Office and they would go from there.

Barrett Smith came with DJ McMurry and Matt Christenson to discuss the trees at the Community building. Barrett expressed his own opinion that the trees needed at least one more year of watering before letting Mother Nature take over. After some discussion Matt will check on bids for a watering drip system to be installed out at the Community building and report back. Next Barrett asked to talk about building a hog house at the fair grounds to be used during the fair. Barrett reported the Fair Board would help purchase the building with \$15,000 if the County could help out with the rest of the expense. After more discussion Bert asked Barrett to compile figures for the project and report back at a later date. Next Barrett informed the Commissioners of the SB411.


Break 11:03 and meeting began at 11:10

Matt Christenson asked for a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include the County Clerk & Shelly Fisher. Ron moved to approve the executive session at 11:12 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:22 with no action taken. Matt presented two Payroll Changes for James Beusch with a .25 cent per hour raise and Clay Parkin with a .40 cent per hour raise.

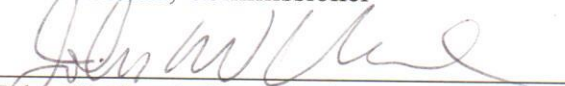
During Commissioner Discussion, items discussed were CASA April Child abuse awareness month would like to display pinwheels and signs in the courtyard, purchase a Commissioner Minute book, severed minerals, Oil depletion lawsuit results, mortgage registration fee.


The meeting adjourned at 12:12.

Kiowa County Commission:


Bert Lowery, Chairman


Ron Freeman, Commissioner


John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 
Kristie Odle, County Clerk