

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
July 1, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Gunnar Stauth, Sheila Magee, Andy Kimble, Ray Stegman, Kendal Lothman, M.T Liggett, Jeff Blackburn and J. W Keene.

After prayer was given by Jeff Blackburn John opened meeting.  
Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Stauth came with the following on R&B department. He presented pictures on the Greensburg R&B shop floor and the current drains in the wash bay. He is asking for approval on removing the existing drains and widens the previous drains and by consensus they approve for Gunnar to bid out the project. He also presented some pictures of some bridges that are collapsing on 39<sup>th</sup> Ave and will need repairs. John asked if he has received any ideas on the route path for ITC and Gunnar is still waiting on those. Next he advised the start date for 10<sup>th</sup> Ave overlay will begin August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Gunnar Stauth came with the following on Solid Waste. He informed that the landfill has passed the recent inspection with no violations. Next they discussed the Kirkham & Michael proposal for the Plot Plan. After much discussion John asked Gunnar to talk with Kirkham & Michael on the proposal that had expired and see if they could get a new one drawn up.

Break 9:30  
Meeting began 9:40

Shelia Magee came to discuss the Compensation Pay Plan and Kristie explained that her information was given to the Commissioners but was not opened due to our policy on procurement and that they would be bidding this service out due to having more than one individual interested in providing services for the County and she could submit those bids at that time. John asked Kristie to prepare the publication with the assistance on Scott James and notify Shelia with the guidelines.

Mayor Andy Kimble from Mullinville came to discuss a few topics. First topic discussed was the bridge repair on N street and has come to ask for permission to get some help with the removal and setting of the new wooden culvert and help with road preparation due to the city not having the proper equipment or man crew. Bert moved to allow Gunnar and his crew to provide assistance with Mullinville on N street and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break 10:05  
Meeting began 10:10

Ray Stegman came to discuss purchasing the tower that they use for radio frequency located north of town. He explained they have rented the tower for 15 years at \$300 and the company wants to sell the tower to the County or tear it down. He also added that we would have to continue paying land rent that the tower is on to Dave White for \$350 and Ray informed that they use the tower for Sheriff, Fire and R&B radio frequencies. He also wanted to inform that the cost of a new tower would be \$145,000. He came with a purchase price of \$25,000 from Allegiance out of Dallas, Texas. After discussing

several purchase options John moved to offer \$20,000 with inspection cost on the tower to be included with the purchase and/or give Ray permission to be authorized to purchase the tower up to \$25,000 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

M.T. Liggett came to ask who is responsible on mowing the ditches on North Street on Mullinville Cemetery road. John explained that road is in city limits but the County has mowed the ditch out of courtesy and that R&B will continue to mow it for now.

Break 10:37  
Meeting began 10:42


John discussed the Lesser Prairie Chicken conference he had attended and gave some updates. He explained that the County has paid \$1000 towards the project but to get caught up on the dues owed he asked to approve \$687. Ron moved to approve to pay the remaining balance to Stillwater Institute for services on the Prairie Chicken project and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar came back to ask for a telephone conference with Wayne Scritchfield with Kirkham & Michael. Bert moved to amend the agenda to add the telephone conference with Kirkham & Michael at 11:00 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. They discussed the checklist for the Plot Plan for the Landfill and such details to include max height, structure, etc. Wayne explained there would be a 3 phase plot plan. After much discussion they decided that they would not precede with the plot plan due to the landfill is operational per our permits and that they wouldn't do anything further till the state mandates them otherwise.

During open forum the only topic discussed was John asked to preview the agenda before sending it out the day before the meeting so he could make sure it is ready unless there are any changes after he approves it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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John W Unruh, Chairman

  
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Bert Lowery, Commissioner

  
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Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Kristie Odle, County Clerk

