

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
July 15, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Kim Goodnight, Matt Christenson, Mitzi Hesser, Pam Muntz, Roger Stotts, Karen Butler, 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.

Payroll Change was presented for Justin Somerhalder by Clerk from the Sheriff Office. Ron moved to approve the Payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Stauth came with the following on R&B department. Gunnar touched on the High Risk Rural Roads applications with no action taken. Next he asked for a 10 minute executive session to discuss personnel matters for non-elected personnel to include County Attorney and Clerk. Bert moved for a 10 executive session at 9:04 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:14 with no action taken. Next John explained he has receive multiple calls from residents on getting flat tires from using crushed concrete that was salvaged after the tornado and John asks that they use caution when using the concrete and asks to crush it up more and use a magnet after they lay it down. Next Gunnar had Kim Goodnight from ITC to come up for the next item. Kim presented a document and map of Road Routes to be used and asked to attach this to the previous Road Maintenance Agreement from ITC. After some discussion on the Road Routes presented Bert moved to approve the updated haul route map to the Road Maintenance Agreement and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Kim presented a 10 year medallion for our support of ITC and look forward to working in Kiowa County in the future. Next Gunnar explained he had a telephone conference last week with Panhandle regarding their gas line that runs next to one of our bridges that has been structurally deficient that will be repaired with Federal Funds and will be having another conference call this week and ask County Attorney to be present once more to see if they can come up with a solution. Gunnar then presented a Payroll Change sheet for Bruce Foster to move salary status from salary to hourly. Ron moved to approve the Payroll Change sheet and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break 9:51 --- Meeting began at 9:55

Mitzi Hesser came with the following on Health Department. She showed a spider that had been caught in her room and expressed concerns of the type of spider and asked the Clerk to call Orkin to see when they will be here to spray next. Next she gave monthly total updates on the Health department and informed that she was getting their booth ready for the County Fair this week. Next she presented a new bill from Sagebrush Electric of \$543 and asked if she should pay the remainder amount or if it should come out of Courthouse General Fund. Clerk will look into the matter and let her know. Next she presented the Valley View contract for services and Ron moved to approve the contract and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last she presented unpaid clinic bills and asked for guidance on what to do with them. Commissioners asked Scott to look these and come up with a solution.

Pam Muntz came from the Extension office with quarterly reports that was given to the Commissioners prior to meeting. Next she gave updates on events they have been doing in the agency.

She also informed they had to buy two new computers this year that was planned for next year due to them crashing. Next she asked the Commissioners to be judges again for cookie jar contest and ice cream contest at the County fair next week and by consensus they agreed.

Matt Christen came to talk about the Courthouse budget request for 2014 per the Commissioners request. He gave internet updates and informed he updated the Courthouse server this weekend. Next he explained that USDA has \$90,000 left over from a grant to be split with the City of Greensburg and explained that it would be a 60/40 cost split with them and asked if the Commissioners had any suggestions on item or items that could be purchased that they have already been planning. John suggested speaking with Gunnar.

Break 10:18 --- Meeting began at 10:30

Roger Stotts came on behalf of the Theatre board. He informed that there has been some more individual family donations that helped fill the gap and that the board was declining their sales tax proposal. He did inform that they would continue with construction on August 10th. Bert moved to withdraw his motion on the sales tax referendum from June 28th meeting and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break 10:38 --- Meeting began at 11:15

During Commissioner Open discussion John suggested going to Hospital board budget meeting and call for a special meeting. After much discussion on the topic John moves to call a special meeting to be held at the Hospital board meeting and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk will contact Mary Sweet on the date of their Budget workshop.

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 landfills operational per our permits and that they wouldn't do anything further till the state mandates them otherwise.

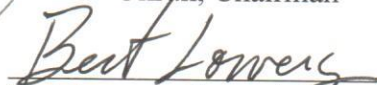
During open forum Gunnar came back with Matt to discuss suggestions on the USDA funds. Matt informed he will get with Jay Koehn and Department heads as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56.

Kiowa County Commission:



John W Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristie Odle
Kristie Odle, County Clerk

