

Kiowa County Commissioners Special Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
July 17, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Gunnar Stauth, Matt Christenson, Brenda Osborne, Karen Butler, Kathryn Ritter, D.J McMurry, Marilyn Brown, Ed Schoenberger, Randy Rinker, Gene West, Lisa Axman, Theresa Dasenbrock and Jerry Keene.

Consent agenda included: Agenda.

Bert called the Budget workshop to order.

First item discussed was the Fairview budget request with Marilyn Brown. Next, Theresa explained the budget process and gave the County's current financial reports. She presented a government survey, graphs of comparisons with surrounding counties and charts of valuation and levies from past years.

Break from 9:50 to 9:57

Next they went through the draft for the 2015 budget and made necessary changes. Gunnar came in to discuss R&B budget and asked to have automatic transfers taken out in the upcoming budget and by consensus they agreed with Theresa and Gunnar. Another budget discussed was Solid Waste.

Break from 11:01 to 11:09

More discussion on the Solid Waste concluded a motion from John Unruh to remove Special Solid Waste Assessments and to create a Solid Waste levy and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.


Kathryn Ritter came with a reduced budget request of \$50,000. She discussed where she made adjustments. After some discussion on the Museum budget, they agreed by consensus to give them \$45,000 with the understanding they would be cut back next year.

Next Mitzi Hesser was asked to come and visit with the Commissioners regarding her cash balances that make the Health Department qualify for grants for certain programs.


After Theresa and her assistant Lisa made adjustments to the budget per the Commissioners' requests, the proposed budget was set with the mill levy at 63.082 with an increase of .402 mills. John moved to approve the publication of 63.082 mills and to hold the public hearing on August 4th at 7:00pm and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:19

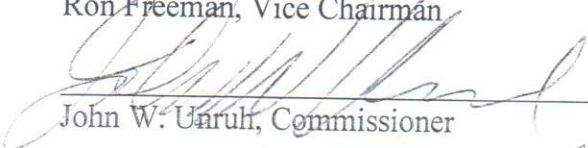
Kiowa County Commission:



Bert, Lowery, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Vice Chairman



John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk