

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
July 18, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Jeff Blackburn, Steve Heft, Kari Kyle, Don Trent, Peggy Banta, Ben Trout, Carol Meyer, Chris Tedder, Debbie Schmidt, Rhonda Whitney, Jeff Guy and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR reports, AP reports, minutes of 7-5-16 and minutes of 7-14-16 After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.
Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

At 9:05 Jay Schmidt presented a payroll change for B Schmidt. After review, Bert moved to approve the change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Jay mentioned he will be looking at replacing to graders that the leases are up and after some discussion John asked to have Jay Wade draw up 2 new leases and come to the next meeting. Steve Heft arrived and was asked to come forward to discuss the Haviland Blacktop and S. Olive Street overlays. After some discussion Steve asked to waive the late start date on the Haviland Blacktop due to corn harvest will be starting early and he will start after that so the road doesn't receive any damage with the heavy trucks. Bert moved to waive the late start date and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Steve left.

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll changes for A. Heim (new hire), A. Melder (resignation), T. Butler, K. Amaro and M. Christenson (yearly evaluations). After review, Bert moved to approve the changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss personnel at 9:49 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:54 with no action taken.

Kari Kyle, Peggy Banta and Don Trent came to present the 2017 budget request for the Council of Aging. Kari explained the increase is due to needing to build up their reserves.

Rhonda Whitney and Debbie Schmidt came to present the 2017 District Court budget request.

John called for a break at 10:00 and will resume at 10:45 when the next agenda item is present.

Jay Schmidt came back and provided a pamphlet on noxious weeds. Jay requested a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss personnel. Ron moved to for the executive session at 10:51 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:56 with no action taken.

Ben Trout from E.P.M Company to discuss an overview of climate control for all the County facilities and how he could help us save on utilities and the Commissioners asked Matt to work with him and see if the savings would be beneficial for us.

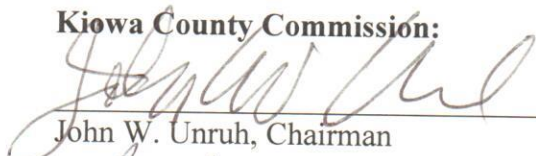
Carol Meyer with Kansas Department of Commerce came to discuss the Rural Opportunity Zone program and asked if they would consider renewing the contract for another 5 years for Kiowa County. And she explained if they were not interested in funding for the County share that they could

still renew to allow employer sponsors. After some discussion Bert moved to adopt Resolution 2016-11 and not fund the program with County funds but to allow employers to sponsor their employees who are enrolled in the program and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

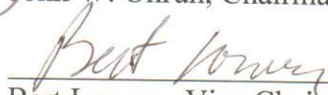
During Commissioner Discussion the Clerk ask who the delegate for KAC would be and John moved to appoint Bert and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-1 (Bert opposed).

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

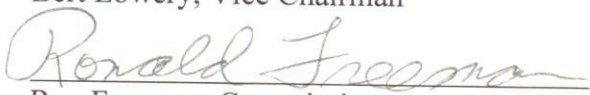
Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

They next Commissioner meeting will be held on July 29, 2016 in the basement conference room.