

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
June 2, 2014

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Sheldon Carpenter, Kari Kyle, Jay Koehn, Ray Stegman, Matt Christenson, Lorena Lothman, Laura Gwin, Barrett Smith, Jeff Blackburn, Franklin Tuff, MT Liggett & Jerry Keene.

Consent agenda included: Agenda & 5-30-14 minutes.

After the prayer that was given by Jeff Blackburn, Bert called the meeting to order.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk presented a payroll change for Fred Weir, John moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Matt Christenson came to discuss the Courtyard lawn. He presented a quote for lawn remodel and provided pictures of the lawn that showed low spots had hold water and dead spots. After much discussion John moved to table the discussion for 1 year and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-1. Ron was not in favor of tabling the topic.

Break at 9:36 and regular session began at 9:41.

Sheldon Carpenter came to present the ICHD 2015 budget request.

Kari Kyle came to request the appointment of a new board member to the Council of Aging to replace Sonia Kuhns. She asked to appoint Peggy Banta. Ron moved to appoint Peggy Banta to the Council of Aging Board and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Barrett Smith and Matt Christenson came to discuss operations of the Fairgrounds and clarification of the chain of command. Barrett will go through Matt when he needs Laura Gwin or Dave Bergstrom to do jobs at the Fairgrounds. Emergency Management stated after a dispute over a nonrefundable deposit on the use of the Community Center on May 2, 2011 the Commissioners approved to refund the deposit. After some discussion on the incident it was by consensus that the Commissioners grant Barrett Smith, Pam Muntz and Laura Gwin the ability to check the building after each function for the return of deposits. Next Barrett asked to discuss the barn doors and by consensus of the Commissioners wants to move the meeting to the Fairgrounds. John moves to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Bert called the meeting to order at 10:53 at the Fairgrounds. After inspecting the barn doors and looking at the leaks in the Community building Bert moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 and go back to the Commissioners meeting room and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Bert called the meeting back to order at 11:20. John moves to have Matt Christenson, Dave Bergstrom and Brian Gumpenberger works together on the needed repairs at the Fairgrounds and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar came to request a 5 minute executive session non-elected personnel to discuss an employee evaluation. Ron moved for the executive session at 11:24 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:29 with no action taken. Gunnar presented a payroll change for Jerry Ahrens. John moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Gunnar asked to purchase a 2006 Broce broom from Van Keppel for \$25,000 with a cab. After some


discussion on the piece of equipment Bert moved to approve the purchase of the broom and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. The Foley maintenance agreement was brought up for more discussion, but no action was taken. Next Gunnar brought up the topic of Solid Waste. After much discussion John moved to double the dumping fees for out of county dumpers and Bert seconded. After more discussion John asked to withdraw his previous motion. Topics that were also discussed were the hours for the landfill, tax levy, special assessments fees and employee hours.

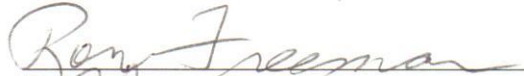
Jay Koehn and Ray Stegman came to clarify the burn ban that was instated at the previous meeting. Ray added that permits are to go through Emergency Management or Sheriffs Office.

Gunnar and Matt came back to discuss more on Solid Waste. Gunnar asked to transfer \$13,295 from Special Bridge Equipment to Equipment Reserve. John moved to approve the transfer and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. After some more discussion John asked to hold off on making any decision until after the Solid Waste meeting on July 2 in Garden City.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

  
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John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Kristie Odle, County Clerk