

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 20, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Terry Mayhew, Jeff Guy, Jay Schmidt, Steve Larsh, Greg Waters, Monica Hayse, Matt Christenson, Kyler Lugwig, Richard McVey, Kristy Zenger, D.J McMurry, Brenda Osborne, Karen Butler, Richard Davis, Nadine Lampe, Michelle Yingling, Rhonda Fernandez and Chris Tedder attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR and AP reports, 6-6-16 and 6-8-16 minutes

After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came forward and presented payroll changes for J. Adolph, D. Liggett, S. Peters, J. Blair and C. Erickson for yearly evaluation and merit increases. Bert moved to approve the changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next he presented the lease agreement with Foley for the new motor grader. After reviewing the lease Ron moved to approve the agreement with Foley and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Additionally he informed them that Contractors Cargo Company asked permission to use Ave 11th between U.S 400 and U.S 54 as an alternate haul route so they could bypass the overpass located by Mullinville to haul wind turbine equipment and Jay had them sign a contract in case of any road repairs.

Kristi Cooper came to inform the Commissioners that she had found a 6x10 enclosed trailer at B&S Trailers Sales, Inc. in Dodge City for \$2,200 and asked permission to purchase it and Ron moved to approve the purchase and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she presented 2017 County valuations and explained that we were down around 4 million due to oil and gas valuations and state assessed utilities.

Richard Davis came forward to introduce himself and that he represents Doug Reh Chevrolet in Pratt and explained that Kiowa county will be in there area as for the sales region due to Dwane Shank Motors no longer having a contract to sell vehicles throw Chevrolet.

Steve Larsh, Greg Waters and Monica Hayse came forward representing Kiowa County Economic Development. Steve informed that they would like to decrease their original 2017 budget request from \$20,000 to \$10,000 and ask that they use the \$10,000 reduction to be used towards the Rural Opportunity Zone program funding for 2017.

Matt Christenson came to discuss storage building location. He advised them that he had contacted the surrounding property owners north of the Courthouse and that they were not in favor of the rezoning. He did happen to be in contact with one of the property owners and she advised that they would consider swapping M. Hesser's lots for one of their others lots that are located to the South of the Sheriff Office or to the East of the Commons building. After some discussion they asked Matt to have her come to the next meeting to discuss the options further. Next he informed them that the Sheriff Office was without AC for about 12 hours on Friday night due to the storms, but the company reset the AVAC system and is working now. Also he wanted to report that last week there was a security issue

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from a spam email from the Appraisers office but with quick response from the employee they were able to stop it before it caused severe issues in the server. He also reported that two of the computers were infected and so he is reconfiguring them and should be ready this week. Additionally he added he was already looking into updating our server and this would improve security.

Nadine Lampe from Arrowhead West came to give updates on the program and requested \$2,500 for their 2017 budget. She did report that there are 31 children and 9 adults in the program from Kiowa County and that they cover 14 counties with a 12 million dollar budget and that they are not only funded by Counties but also State and Federal funded as well.

Chris Tedder came forward to report that they have been having issues with the copper piping in the building which has caused several leaks which in return is caused by electrolysis and that it would be in the best interest and savings to the County to replace the cooper piping with flex piping and informed them that he is in the process to get quotes and bids on replacing the existing pipes with flex piping and will report back.

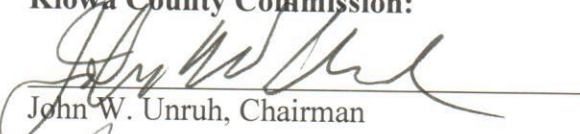
Rhonda Fernandez came with Michelle Yingling with BCBS (Blue Cross & Blue Shield) to present quotes for health insurance and benefit packages. The conversation continued between quotes from BMI and BCBS and comparison on benefits. After much discussion Bert moved to accept BMI quote for option 3 for \$1,417,494.32 and to leave the employee share as the previous year for a single plan \$60 and family plans for \$150 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Rhonda asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiations Ron moved more the executive session for 10 minutes at 12:31 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 12:41 with no action taken.

No discussion for Commissioner Discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52

Kiowa County Commission:


John W. Unruh, Chairman


Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman


Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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