

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 3, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Mitzi Hesser, Carol Meyer, Aaron Cannon, Ray Stegman, Kerri Kyle, Debbie Schmidt, Kendal Lothman, Patrick Clement, Willard Olinger, J. W Keene & Theatre Board Members (see attached sign-up sheet).

After prayer was given by Willard Olinger John opened meeting.

Clerk informed there was one addition to the agenda

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition to agenda and correction to 5/31 minutes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Staath came to inform that he had been informed of some damages to a private property south of Mullinville that the County loader was involved with. He also reported he had gone to look at the loader for any damages and didn't feel like there were any. John suggested contacting Banco to inform them of the situation. Gunner then asked if it would be granted to offer man hours to help with the repairs to the fencing that had been damaged and by consensus they agreed that would be a great gesture. Next he asked for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include Clerk and County Attorney. Ron moved for a 5 minute executive session at 9:10 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:15 with no action taken.

John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss contract negotiation at 9:22 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:27 with no action taken.

Mitzi Hesser came to update the Commissioners on a grant that she had received funds from The Salvation Army to help with a summer program to help families with children between 2-12 year of ages during June 15 to August 15th with extra healthy snack backpacks. She also asked if she could have employees help prepare the backpacks each week and by consensus they approved. Next she informed that there was an issue over last weekend with her vaccine refrigerator. She reported a loss of \$10,000 of vaccines and had filed a claim with insurance. She explained they were not notified from the security device due from the malfunction due to it all being on the same surge protector that is all used with that specific outlet. She will contact an electrician to look at the set-up of the outlet and see where to go from there.

Break 9:39

Regular session began 9:44

Carol Meyer and Aaron Cannon with Kansas Department of Commerce came to discuss the ROZ program (Rural Opportunity Zone). She explained that Kiowa County pays up to \$1500 of matching funds from the State of Kansas for this program and ask if they would like to continue the program that they need to pass a Resolution by July 1st and to let them know of the decision. John asked the clerk to add this item to the 6-17 agenda.

Brad Estes with the Theatre Board came to present a slideshow and request for the County to contribute \$450,000 to the completion of the Theatre. Several board members expressed their options why the County should contribute. Bert moved to add \$150,000 for 3 years to be included in the

County Budget, motion died due to lack of second. After much continued discussion on the topic no further action was taken.

Ray Stegman came to present a revised agreement for the backup site access with Hutchinson that was presented at a previous meeting due to some changes that were made to the agreement that reflected having a city and county agreement separate. Ron moved to approve the agreement and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next he presented an agreement to share radio frequencies with Edwards, Pratt, Clark and Comanche Counties. Last he presented a resolution to allow alcohol consumption at the Community building on June 8th for a wedding reception. Bert moved to pass Resolution 2013-7 for a onetime event and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break 10:38

Meeting began at 10:48

John moved for a 5 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 10:42 to include Clerk and County Attorney and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:47 with no action taken.

Kerri Kyle came to present 2014 budget for Council of Aging.

Scott James presented the 2014 budget for County Attorney.

Debbie Schmidt presented 2014 budget request for District Court. Since she was absent from last meeting John asked what were her concerns on the parking lot since she had concerns. She expressed her only concern on the parking was for the winter time and having risks of falling in the streets due to lack of clearing the ice in the city streets. She appreciated how well the previous parking lot had been cleared of ice and snow. The Clerk had informed Commissioners they had made the motion for the parking lot to be designated for guests parking and that County employees would be parking along the streets or on the NW parking lot and that District Court employees are not classified as County employees and that they were allowed to park in the guests parking lot. John added it was by consensus to allow those ladies to park in the lot at any time. Debbie informed they don't have issues parking in the streets in nice weather just in bad weather. So they would continue to park in the street until bad weather.

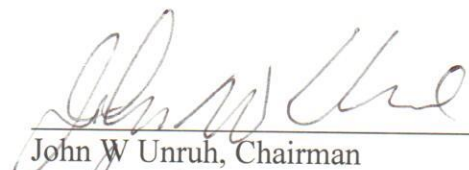
During open forum John asked to continue the discussion on conceal carry from the last meeting and asked Kendal to be present. After much discussion on the topic John moved to file for a 6 month exemption with the AG offices to exempt conceal carry in the County and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-1 with Ron not being in favor of the exemption. Kendal asked Scott to prepare the letter of exemption and would put up the building stickers that prevent guns from entering the buildings. Next the Clerk asked if it would be ok if they got quotes for someone to clean the outside windows and by consensus they approved. Next she asked about looking into a podium to sit outside the Commissioners room door for the sign up sheet. Ron asked the Clerk to talk with other Counties to see what they do.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

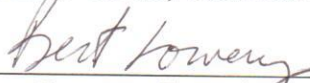
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John W Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristie Odle, County Clerk