

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 19, 2012

Present: Ron Freeman, Don Richards, John Unruh, Carmen Renfrow, Dawn Hayes, Ray Stegman,

9:00: After a prayer, Don opened the meeting.

John asked if the county was supposed to be responsible for the cost of autopsies and related charges. Dawn advised that the county was statutorily responsible for these costs.

John moved to approve the consent agenda, Ron seconded, motion carried.

The Clerk presented payroll changes for the ROD and the Sheriff's Dept. Ron moved to approve the Sheriff's payroll change, but wait until Marilyn attends the meeting to discuss the payroll changes for her dept., John seconded motion carried.

John moved to approve the tax corrections presented, Ron seconded, motion carried.

Gunnar Stauth, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came with the following:

First they discussed available funds for rebuilding a bridge.

A John Deere loader in down for repairs, a rebuilt pump would cost \$3,000; a brand new pump would cost \$3400. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to purchase a new pump.

They discussed various State functions and meetings coming up.

Mitzi Hesser, Health Dept. Director, gave a report of services provided for February. She needs at least one Commissioner to attend the May 10th table top discussion in Pratt. John agreed to attend.

Marilyn Brown, Register of Deeds, reported that she hired Kimberlyn Hayes as a part-time employee for her office. Pam Knoll will also be rehired for the summer as a temporary employee. These are paid from her technology fund. Marilyn reported there has been \$81,338.67 deposited into the General Account from Jan. 1, 2012 to March 15, 2012.

Marilyn asked that the tables remain in the courthouse hall ways for the convenience of the researchers.

Eric Peters, Landfill Supervisor, brought a payroll change for an employee discharged and for one new hire. Ron moved and John seconded to approve the changes, motion carried.

The Commission discussed the process of creating a new cemetery district for Soldier Creek Cemetery in Belvidere. The Commission agreed to proceed with a Notice of Public Hearing for creating a resolution to create a new cemetery district.

Ron moved and John seconded to approve the Register of Deeds payroll changes.

Ray Stegman, Emergency Management Director & Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, asked the Commission to renew a new ten year contract with the Weather Service from Dodge City. They pay \$150 per month towards the cost of utilities for the tower. The Commission agreed by consensus.

He presented bids from two companies for carpeting for the top floor. John moved and Ron seconded to accept the bid from Pratt Furniture & Flooring since it was \$1,000 less than Fleener's, motion carried.

A repeater tower has problems and has been checked out three times. They believe it was hit by lightning; Ray is talking with Donna McDonald at Banco to see if our insurance will cover it.

Ray and Kristie Odle, Deputy Clerk, were able to complete the project of changing all the street files in the elections software. It was a big project and took over two weeks to complete. The street files in the program are now all named correctly.

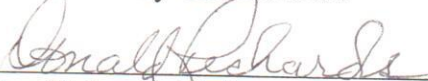
Richard McVey brought copies of statues supporting Dawn's advice earlier regarding the county paying for autopsies and related expenses.

The Commission discussed the Media Center recording the first meeting of every month. Ron moved and John seconded to not approve recording the meetings, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

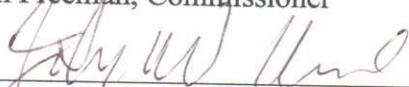
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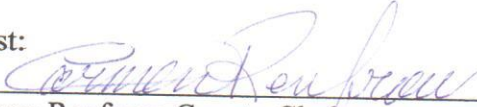
Don Richards, Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner



John Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:


Carmen Renfrow, County Clerk