

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 20, 2017

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh(absent), Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Chris Tedder, Scott McCann, Jay Schmidt, Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, payroll reports, AP reports and 3/6 minutes

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

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda with additions as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Bert adjourned the Commissioner meeting and call the Board of Health meeting to order. Mitzi gave updates which included: Health fair setup dates, insurance billing changes, revalidations for Medicare., active shooter drill scheduled. Bert adjourned the BOH meeting and called the Commissioner meeting back to order at 9:05.

Jay Schmidt came to present 3 payroll changes for Jeff Werth (resignation), Joel Schmidt (merit increase) and Kevin Koehn (merit increase). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Jay then reported there has been approximately 40 loads of asphalt from the 183 Hwy project taken to the North landfill for the asphalt stockpile. Additionally, he reported he is working on soft spots North of Haviland and culverts being replaced in a few locations.


Kristi Cooper presented 2 payroll changes for merit increases for 6-month probation for S Fisher and A Brown. After review of the payroll changes Bert moved to approve the changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she presented Resolution 2017-4 regarding phone usage while operating County vehicles and Resolution 2017-5 revised policy of employee concealed carry. Ron moved to adopt Resolution 2017-4 and 2017-5 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Additionally, she wanted to talk about the County flag. She explained the flag isn't as durable as the other flags and she suggested to change the flags to save the distress on the flags and asked if she could order the POW (Prisoner of War) and the Sheriff/Emergency flag and rotate them out. By consensus they agreed to order the flags and Bert suggested to take the flags down when we have high wind warnings and to rotate the flags monthly. Lastly, she informed them that the Sheriff will be holding an active shooter tabletop drill on Friday at 4:30 in the courtroom and asked to allow to close the courthouse at 4:00 to allow employees a change to finish up with daily work and attend the meeting. Bert moved to closed the courthouse at 4:00 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Barrett Smith with K-State Extension Research came to discuss creating extension districts for Kiowa County per Kansas State Research Extension. He explained that surrounding counties don't have extension districts but are looking at creating them for the Southwest districts and that he will be going to the surrounding counties to get more information.


Chris Tedder came forward with Justin Rugg to be hired as Sargent and K9 handler. Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center agreement. Scott presented a copy of the agreement and informed that they are not able to get out of the agreement until we submit a letter by July 1st to opt out of the program.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

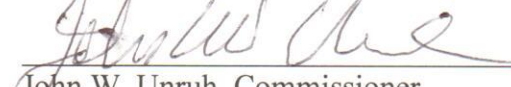
Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman

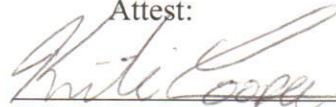


Ron Freeman, Vice-Chairman



John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk