

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 21, 2016

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Mitzi Hesser, Matt Christenson, Chris Tedder, Jay Schmidt and Terry Mayhew attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda AP reports, PR reports and 2/29/16 minutes
After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

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

Before the arrival of Mitzi for the Board of Health the clerk asked the Commissioners if they would proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month and presented a proclamation for a signature. Ron moved to sign the proclamation and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also she reported that she gave CASA permission to put the pinwheels in the yard again for the month of April.

John adjourned the Commissioner meeting at 9:08 and called the Board of Health to order. Mitzi gave updates which included; Healthy Habits for life for the schools, Health fair, WIC class in Topeka and monitoring flu. John adjourned the Board of Health meeting and called the regular Commissioner meeting back to order at 9:11. Mitzi left the meeting.

Jay Schmidt came forward and informed them that he hasn't received any bids for the Belvidere shop but he would contact the two interested parties and would report back on the 31st. He also reported they have been using the new gopher machine. He then presented a payroll change for J Schmidt for a merit increase. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. The discussion regarding the south landfill began with Jay presenting two (2) bids regarding soil sampling. He announced that GSI bided \$13,150 and Terracon bided \$37,600 with no further discussion Ron moved to accept GSI bid of \$13,150 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Other items discussed were the cleaning out culverts, listing of purple wave items and magnets on the graders. Next the clerk presented a payroll change for Jay Schmidt for his yearly merit increase. She explained the Commissioners each did a separate evaluation and she took an average of the 3 and he will receive a 3% increase. She also added that Bert suggested giving him a \$1.50 hourly increase plus the 3% increase. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chris Tedder came forward to talk about the coroner fees and explained that Dr. Maffet is asking for an increase in his salary for \$40,000 to \$120,000 to help an additional salary for another coroner but there are concerns due to the few needs of a coroner for our area. He asked if one could go with him to the meeting to show support. Bert agreed he would go with Chris. Next Chris asked if he could move the existing \$49,100 from last year's budget to Special Equip Fund to help purchase new camera systems and to go from analog to digital and this would include 8 cameras and 2 dvr's for \$38,000. Ron moved to approve the transfer and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

John called for a break at 9:55 and regular session began at 10:00.

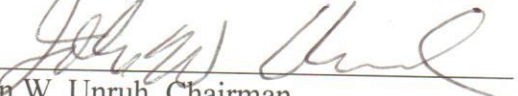
Matt Christenson came forward and announced he had received a quote from Sagebrush Electric regarding the removal of lighting on the ceiling of the front landing is for \$175. Ron moved to approve

the quote for the removal of lighting and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Matt did add that they would look into lighting if it is necessary after the removal of lights.

Jay Schmidt came back and mentioned that Gilbert Ellis requested to close O St to P St on 3rd Ave and explained he is already a minimum maintenance road and after looking at a map Ron suggested talking with Jerry Boehme since he accesses his field from between O St and P St and Jay will get with Mr. Boehme. And Scott will look into what they will need to do to close it if the involved parties agree. John opened Commissioner Discussion and before Jay left John asked to discuss the county land north of town. Scott informed them he has researched it and they can sell the property as long as the public has notice and he suggested sealed bids or live auction. After some discussion John moved to hold a live auction on April 4th at 10:00 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Scott will get legal notice to the paper this week.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk