

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Chris Tedder, Richard McVey, DJ McMurry, Jay Koehn, M.T Liggett and Matt Christenson.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Resolution 2015-11 and 3/16 minutes  
After the pledge of allegiance, Ron opened the meeting at 9:00

Bert stepped out at 8:58

Ron moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion carried 2-0 (Bert absent)

Bert returned at 9:02

Clerk presented Resolution 2015-11 for consumption of cereal malt or liquor at the fair grounds on April 17 to April 19 for approval. Bert moved to approve Resolution 2015-11 and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-1 (John opposed).

At 9:08 Jay Schmidt presented payroll changes for Justin Stone (termination), Derry Liggett (department transfer), Kevin Koehn (merit increase) and Joel Schmidt (merit increase). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Jay also reported he had spoken with Denton Stone regarding his probation period. Jay reported they are tree trimming through the County and the new signs are up from Northern Natural west to the County line. He also informed them that Jay Wade had found a 07 sheep foot with 4500 hours with a price of \$79,250. Jay mentioned he has been comparing them online and they are ranging from 89,000 to 92,000 so he will get with Jay Wade regarding the machine. Also he had gotten a quote for a jumping jack from White Star for \$3900. After some discussion further John moved to purchase the jumping jacks from White Star and Bert seconded, motion carried. Discussion continued with contracting work out to a company specializing in pothole patching. But after some discussion they feel Jay and his crew can handle the pothole patching and just get bids for the overlays. Jay reported noxious weed has been out spraying blacktops, road ditches with 24D atrazine. Next he asked how much he should enforce the policy 503 on Smoking. The commissioners and Scott instructed him to enforce the policy and reprimand employees who are non-compliant of Policy 503. Jay reported that he will start enforcing the policy with employees smoking in county vehicles and equipment.

Ron called for a 5 min break at 9:36 and at 9:41 Chris Tedder and Richard McVey came to discuss the placement of the 2 hummers. As of right now they have been stored at Ray Stegman's residence and that they will relocate one to Haviland to one of the Ryan Davis back yard and at Richard McVey's residence. Chris explained he chose to place one in Haviland due to him having 3 deputy officers living in city limits and they would be able to access them quickly in the event of an emergency. Also he reported he will be holding interviews for 2 new full time deputies and that he had hired William Renfrow as a part time deputy. Next they asked for 10 minute executive session to discuss employee relations to include Richard McVey, Scott and Kristi. Bert moved for a 10 minute executive session at 9:50 for non-elected personnel and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:00 with no action taken.

At 10:07 Kristi Cooper came and presented a quote from The Kiowa County Media Center of \$1510 for their assistance on design of the new county website. John moved to approve the quote of \$1510 to

the Media Center on the design of the county website and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also the clerk reported the budget workshop this year will be July 16<sup>th</sup> with the auditors and that she had been asked about the mowing at Belvidere. Discussion was had regarding bidding annually or for a multiyear bidding the commissioners decided by consensus to bid the Belvidere mowing each year.

Ron called for a 5 min break at 10:27 and at 10:34 Matt Christenson came to report that the sewer backed up last week and caused some damage to the carpet in the room next door and that he has already reported a claim to EMC and then he presented a quote from Fleener Home Furnishings for \$5460.82. Matt did explain insurance will cover the whole quote then Bert moved to accept the quote from Fleener's and John seconded, motion carried. The Clerk added they are requesting \$4000 down and she would need to run a special AP for the deposit and by consensus they agreed.

Commissioner discussion commenced at 10:44 with the county wide cleanup. After some more discussion John moved to waive all and any dumping fees to county residents on April 25<sup>th</sup> excluding C&D and tires. Ron seconded and motion carried 3-0. KPLG membership discussion was next and John moved to join the organization and paying the dues of \$1791.30 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. John volunteered to be delegate and Ron would be the alternate. Then the clerk asked if CASA could display the pinwheels in the court yard for the month of April in recognition of child abuse awareness and by consensus they agreed and asked the clerk to handle these decisions in the future. Jay Koehn came by to say hello and report he had just finished the ISO audit on all three cities rating a 7 and county rating a 9 which fell in the guidelines that are required. Next they spoke a little on the renewal of the hospital board lease agreement with Great Plains.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14

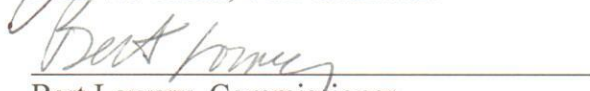
Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman

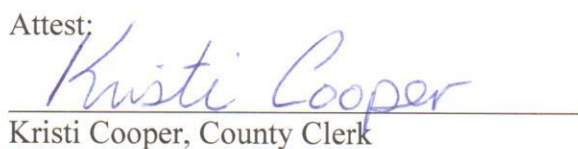


John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk