

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 7th, 2016

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Shannan McMahon, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Tony Factor, Bruce Foster, Jay Koehn, Cody Sherer, Franklin Ruff, Ron Denny, Lisa Stout, Carolyn Irvin, Tabitha Murski, Kristy Zenger, Matt Christenson and Ann Dixson attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and 2/29/16 minutes

Following a prayer led by Tony Factor, John opened the meeting.

Bert made a motion to approve the 2/29/16 minutes with change made.

Jay Schmidt brought the lease agreement from White Star First Bank for the skidsteer. Bert moved to sign lease, John seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Foster arrived at 9:05

Next, Jay submitted a merit increase payroll change for K. Koehn. Bert moved to approve change, John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Then, Jay presented Gopher-getter quotes from John Deere for \$2,149.00, BTI for \$3,495.00 and Great Bend Farm Equipment for \$5,085.00. John moved to approve BTI quote, Ron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:22 Bruce Foster brought the Noxious Weed Year End Report and a truck bid for new Nox Weed truck. Bruce said that after no bids were submitted from Pratt, Dodge City or Shanks, he found an Isuzu at the Donovan Dealership for \$47,950.09. After some discussion, Bert moved to approve the Isuzu purchase and John seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The 2002 truck will be put on Purple Wave for sale.

John asked about the chemical sales to farmers and discussed changing the rate. Ron moved to approve Noxious Weed report, Bert seconded and motion was carried 3-0.

Ron moved to change sale of chemicals to farmers from 75% of cost to 100% with the exception of Muss thistle (which will remain at 75%). John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

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

At this point, members of Iroquois Center for Human Development, Inc. came forward and Ron Denny; Interim Exec. Director, wanted to squelch any rumors that I.C.H.D had been sold. With the retirement of Sheldon Carpenter, a technical assistance team has been brought in to help oversee the transition, focusing primarily on the financial future of the Center. Mr. Denny stated that the Center cannot afford another Executive Director so they have negotiated a Management Service Agreement with other mental health facilities to assist with clinical, IT, CFO and companion positions. Mr. Denny emphasized that the Board of Directors is still running the center and that they are looking for the Center to be profitable by 2017. John asked that they provide clear & concise data at the next appropriations meeting.

At 10:45 John called for a break and regular session resumed at 10:50.

Cody Sherer and Jay Koehn presented truck bids for the Fire Department, from Lanterman Motors for \$44,334.00, Newberry Auto for \$42,852.00 and Mel Hamilton for \$42,045.00.

Ron moved to approve purchase from Lanterman in Pratt, John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Next, Deputy Clerk; Shannan McMahon, presented a merit increase payroll change for D. Miller. Ron motioned to approve, John seconded, motion carried 3-0. She then, brought (2) tax corrections for approval; one of which, required further explanation. After some clarification from Deputy Appraiser; Kristy Zenger, Ron motioned to approve the corrections and Bert seconded. Motion was carried 3-0. Lastly, Shannan presented some verbiage changes to sections 202, 300, 301 and 305 of the personnel manual. Bert moved to approve changes, Ron seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Regular session ended at 11:25


Commissioner Discussion commenced with the opening of the only lawn care bid received, from David Moyer. Ron moved to approve Moyer's bid, Bert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Note: The County did receive a bid from Jason Irvin but it was received too late to be entered for consideration.

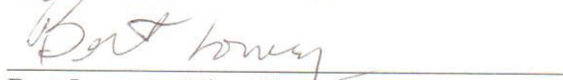
At 11:39 Magistrate Judge, Ann Dixson came to inform the Commissioners that she will be retiring at the end of her term after 22 years.

John adjourned meeting at 11:55.

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman

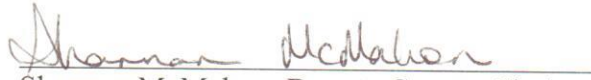


Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Shannan McMahon, Deputy County Clerk