

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
May 15, 2017

Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, John Unruh (absent), Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Chay Howard, Jeff Blackburn, Mitzi Hesser, Jay Schmidt, Rick Dalke, Jeremy Butler, Grant Neuhold, Mike McBeath, Shawn Cannon, Josh Cannon, Cheryl Heft, Michelle McKinney, Staci Derstein, Kim Gamble, Cassie Gamble, Rosa Spainhour, Matt Christenson, Kristin Hines, Carolyn Irvin, Kristy Zenger, Bod Dixson, Chris Tedder, Karen Butler, Brenda Osborne, Scott Brown, Michelle Yingling, and Rhonda Fernandez attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, payroll reports, accounts payable reports, 5-1 minutes and 5-8 minutes:

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

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with additions and Ron seconded motion carried 2-0.

Bert adjourned the meeting and called the B.O.H meeting to order with Mitzi Hesser at 9:01. Mitzi gave updates which included.

Mitzi asked for an executive session for 10 minute for non-elected personnel to discuss employee relations at 9:06. Bert moved for the executive session and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 9:16. Ron moved to approve the payroll change for K Ulrich to change her job title from Grade 13 to Grade 14 and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Jay Schmidt came forward with Road & Bridge updates. He presented a payroll change to move D Liggett from R&B to Noxious weed and one from D Maas for merit increase. After review Ron moved to approve the pay changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Updates included airport road, road maintenance, bathroom repairs in Mullinville shop, fuel system setup this week, revised ad to run in paper regarding farming and fencing county right of ways.

Rick Dalke and Carolyn Irvin came to present their 2018 ICHD budget request with a 3% increase and gave their annual report.

Bert called for a 5-minute break at 9:48 and regular session began at 9:53.

Jeremy Butler came forward to discuss his concerns regarding the County Attorney's performance. Scott was present and they discussed the issue.

Grant Neuhold came to present a corrected 2018 budget request for the Kiowa County Media Center from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Cheryl heft spoke highly of the program and asked them to consider their budget request. Shawn Cannon spoke that his son is going to school in this field and working at the media center helped him. Michelle McKinney as a teacher uses the program and this allows her to teach 3 classes through the media center and without it she wouldn't be able to teach them. Bert mentioned they would look further into their request during the budget workshop.

Matt Christenson came forward to discuss updates on the Commons building roof. He explained that the adjuster came out and inspected the roof and they cannot find where the leaks are. To further inspect they will need to do a more thorough check with removing the stones and rocks to get to the base. Scott Brown commented since he has had some of the same issues from the same inspectors on incubator on Main Street. He recommended to have the original contractor Compton be part of this inspection so if there are issues then he will be present and won't be able to come back and say the issues were from the inspection. Destructive testing would be the next step but would cost more. By consensus they agreed to have PEC do a quote for the destruction quote.

Next, Matt added that he made some changes to the sewer to keep spam from coming in due to the issues they are having and he is taking precautions.

Kristin Hines came to present her 2018 CASA budget and went over a review of activities the program is present in.

Break was called at 10:44 and regular session began at 10:49

The Clerk called John for a phone conference with Rhonda Fernandez and Michelle Yingling with BCBS. Michelle went through their proposal for the open enrollment and programs information. Michelle left the meeting. Next, Rhonda presented total insurance premiums for renewal from BMI and BCBS. John moved to approved the BCBS premium for \$1,263,200.88 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. John left the phone conference. Rhonda left the meeting.

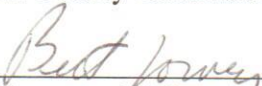
Payroll changes were presented D Liggett, D Maas and P Capansky. Ron moved to approve the changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next a tax correction was presented for value change per a PUP hearing on an oil lease. Ron moved to approve the tax correction and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Ron moved to approve the resolutions and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.


Break 11:42 to regular session began 11:49.

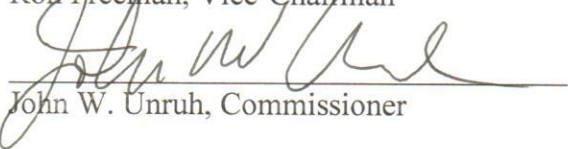
Commission Discussion began. Clerk called John per his request to be part of it. John expressed concerns on overtime on courthouse employees and it was by consensus to have them talk with those specific department supervisors if needed. John left the discussion. The Clerk provided Policy 301 with the change to strike out where employees can buy out their PTO due to this not being implemented since we adopted to new policy. After some discussion, Scott suggested to make a clause in the current to allow notice to the employees of the change. He will make the change and present it at the next meeting. Next, she presented policy 102 and after review of the updated policy Bert moved to adopt the changes to policy 102 and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0. Kristi requested a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee relations. Ron moved for a 5-minute executive session at 12:11 and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 12:16 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16.

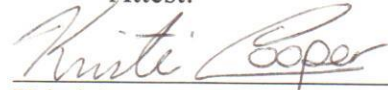
Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Vice-Chairman

  
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John W. Unruh, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk