

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
May 18, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Franklin Ruff, Jeff Blackburn, Paul and Shirley Unruh, Pam Muntz, Barrett Smith, Nancy Davis, Bob Ahrens, Kathryn Ritter, Rosa Spainhour and Mitzi Hesser.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and 4-30 and 5-4 minutes.
Ron opened the meeting following the prayer given by Jeff Blackburn.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Quit Claim easement deed with the City of Haviland and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. After Scott reviewed the easement deed, John moved to approve it and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. The Clerk will file it with the Register of Deeds.

Mitzi Hesser arrived at 9:12

Ron adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the Board of Health to order at 9:15. Mitzi gave updates that included survey results from the health fair, quote on a vision screening machine, school nurse contract with the Bucklin school and 2016 Health budget request. Ron adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting to order at 9:20. Once in regular session, Bert moved to purchase the Spot Vision Screener from Moore Medical for \$7313 with some of the expense being paid from donations from the Lions Club and Kiowa County Health Foundation. Next John moved to sign the contract with Bucklin Schools for the health nurse services and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt arrived at 9:19

Mitzi wanted to clarify that the policies that were approved on April 20th meeting were the breastfeeding infant at work policy and the lactation accommodation policy for clarification in the new minutes. Last, she presented her 2016 budget request.

Ron called for a break at 9:29 and regular session began at 9:34.

Jay presented four copies of the Kirkham and Michael engineering fee contracts from the KDOT for the signage program. John moved to approve the contract and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Shirley and Paul Unruh arrived at 9:44

Jay then presented a payroll change for Chad Erikson and Steve Peters as new hires. Ron moved to approve the changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he presented two payroll changes for merit increases for J Ahrens and J Price.

Pam Muntz arrived at 9:48

Jay also reported R Looney has turned in his resignation as of May 19th. Ron moved to approve the payroll changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Then he asked the clerk details regarding the scheduled transfer for \$130,000 and she explained he would need to talk with Brenda.

Scott James arrived at 9:57

Paul Unruh spoke up to inform Jay that he had notice a phone line lying on the road W 25 and P.

Pam Muntz and Paul Unruh came to present the 2016 Extension Council budget request. Then she and Shirley Unruh presented the fairgrounds budget request on behalf of the Fair Board.

Barret Smith arrived at 10:07

Barrett added to the Extension Budget request.

Kristi presented payroll change for Patrick Powell (new hire), Ryan Davis (merit increase), and Toshia Hoover (merit increase) from the Sheriff's office. Bert moved to approve the changes, John seconded and motion was carried 3-0. A Tax Correction was presented. John moved to approve the correction and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron called for a break at 10:23 and regular session began at 10:34

John expressed concern of the museum budget with no director.

Nancy Davis and Bob Ahrens arrived at 10:43

Steve Heft arrived at 10:46

Commissioners asked Steve to come up before Katie from the Museum arrived. He presented the bid specs to Scott that had been requested regarding the overlays.

Kathryn Ritter arrived at 10:51

Steve left at 10:54

Ron called for a break at 10:55 and regular session began at 11:00

John moved for a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to include Scott James and Kathryn Ritter at 11:01 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:11 with no action taken. John asked if the board wanted had anything to say, so Bob came forward. John asked him if they were going to hire a director to fill the vacancy. Bob stated they would not fill it until the board can get a handle on the finances and that the board members would be volunteering at the soda fountain and museum. John did mention that the Commissioners would be looking to cut budgets and since they would not be hiring immediately, he suggested they hold off until after the budget hearing to see what funds they would be receiving. Bob stated he understood and he left the meeting with Nancy Davis.

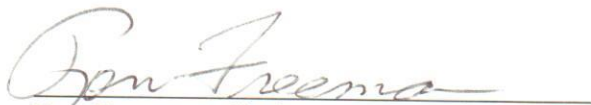
Rosia Spainhour came to present the 2016 budget request for EMS. She did explain they were asking for a \$10,000 increase due to the call volume and collections were down 32 calls YTD from last year.

Jeff Blackburn left 11:26

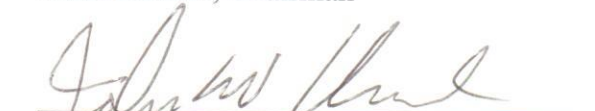
Topics discussed during Commissioner Discussion were engineering district letter to Edwards, Clark, Comanche and Pratt County Commissioners, Hospital contract renewal, debit card program for the inmates.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20.


Kiowa County Commission:



Ron Freeman, Chairman



John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk