

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
May 2, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Donna Greenleaf, Pat Greenleaf, Max Liggett, Dave Allen, Josh Aldenhardt, Kristen Hines, Rosa Spainhour, Kylan Jones and Franklin Ruff attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and 4-29-16 minutes

After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.

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

Jay Schmidt came forward and presented two payroll changes for D Maas and S Kost for yearly merit increase. After review Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Jay expressed he would like to hire 2 part time mower positions again this year since that really helped last year and by consensus they agreed. Grader leases were discussed and other ones that need replaced.

While they waited for the next agenda item Bert reported the new coroner dues were going to increase by \$5000 and explained they are going to hire a full time assistant coroner to assist the current one.

The Conservation District was next on the agenda and the following attended: Dave Allen, Max Liggett, Pat and Donna Greenleaf and Josh Aldenhardt. Pat presented their 2017 budget request and informed them that they were not going ask for an increase but would like to request the same amount as in the past for \$15,000.

Kristin Hines came to represent CASA and after she gave a review of the program and presented their budget request for 2017 in the amount of \$1000 with a \$500 increase from last year.

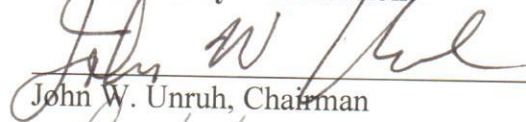
Rosa Spainhour and Kaylan Jones came to give updates on the ambulance service and gave financial reports. She also presented their 2017 budget request with no increase but is requesting \$165,000. Next Rosa asked permission to attend the 2016 EMS World Expo in New Orleans in October 4th-7th and would like to take one employee with her for a total cost of \$2620. After they expressed their concern about the last conference from the public Ron moved to approve the travel out of state and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

During Commissioner Discussion Ron started the discussion of increasing the liability insurance for 1 million to 5 million. Ron also added the old premium was \$3758 and new rate would be \$8245 with an increase of \$4487. After some discussion Ron moved to increase the liability insurance to 5 million and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

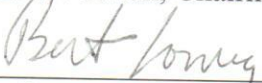
Meeting adjourned at 10:43

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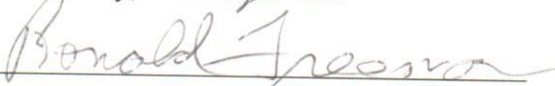
Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman

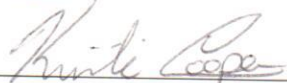


Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Next Commissioner meeting date will be May 16th located in the basement conference room.

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