

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
May 20, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Suzanne Titus, Matt Christenson, Scott James, Debbie Allison, Tracy Gumpenberger, Ray Stegman, Chad Pore, Gunnar Stauth, Jeff Blackburn, Mitzi Hesser, Kendal Lothman, Kristy Zenger, Karen Butler, Bruce Foster, Brenda Osborne, Zane Huffman, & Mike Greenleaf

After Prayer given by Jeff Blackburn, John Unruh opened the meeting.

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

Ron moved to accept 2 payroll changes for Ryan Davis and Dollie Kratzer, Bert seconded, and motion carried 3-0.

John moved to approved Tax corrections, Ron seconded, and motion carried 3-0.

Clerk assigned Suzanne Titus to record the minutes of this meeting.

Gunnar Stauth came with the following:

Gunnar started a discussion concerning the High Risk Rural Program. The roads involved total approximately 12.65 miles. In order for the county to be able to do the work they would have to be 20% cheaper than other contractors. It would take approximately 15 days to complete the work. Commissioners mentioned having this job be contracted out. He also mentioned that work on the Mullinville blacktop overlay will begin on May 28, 2013.

Gunnar informed them that he has been approved to have engineering studies done on 4 intersections and he is just waiting on the State to get funding

He also mentioned that county road E to East city service was damaged by Sterling Drilling while they were moving a rig. Cost of the damages is \$3,744. Gunnar sent them a letter.

Gunnar had a complaint arise with a Mullinville resident over mowing the ditch on the Cemetery road North of Mullinville. The resident felt that the county should mow it. Gunnar let him know that it is the City of Mullinville's responsibility to mow the ditches because there is no connecting link between the City of Mullinville and the county for that road.

Gunnar presented his 2014 Budget request

John moved for a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel at 9:37 to include Gunnar and Scott James, Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 9:52 with no action taken.

Mitzi Hesser came with the following:

Mitzi gave an update for the month.

She also reported that the State will be having a meeting at the KCMH on August 29th from 3-7, and she asked if the Commissioners would at least consider attending.

Scott James came with the following:

He let the Commissioners know that he advertised in the Hutchinson News, Signal, & Dodge City Globe for the Legal Asst opening in order to try and get more applicants this time.

He also mentioned that Mark Cowell, Hodgeman Co Attorney will fill in for him while he is on vacation. He discussed the Full Court software that the courthouse has. It is \$1,800 to obtain the license through the State. He will check to see if there are grants available for this.

Debbie Allison & Tracy Gumpenberger, Library Board came with the following:
Presented their 2014 Budget request

Debbie is looking for a contractor to build some shelving in the Library in Mullinville

Ray Stegman came with the following:

He mentioned that the South Central Region is putting together a State 911 grant to have all 19 counties in the region have their GIS systems all match. The liability is \$4,000. Ron moved to sign the agreement for the 911 grant, Bert seconded, and motion carried 3-0

He also brought another access (MOU) agreement with Reno Co. This is a communication agreement with Reno County and we utilized this after the tornado. Ron moved we sign the PSAD agreement with Reno County, Bert seconded, and motion carried 3-0.

Adams Electric winterized the concession stand out at the fairgrounds and whenever Ray went out to get it ready for the rodeo there were leaks everywhere. Ray was able to get them fixed but will contact Adams Electric and get this taken care of.

Ray mentioned that with the current mower it takes about three days to mow at the fairgrounds. He asked the Commissioners to keep in mind getting another mower that's bigger to cut down on the mowing time. Bert mentioned contracting out the mowing.

Discussion was brought up about the liquor by the drink sales at the rodeo this year. Scott will research statutes and resolutions and see what he can find. The Commissioners are not in favor of this.

10:43 10 minute break

Chad Pore came with the following:

KCMH does not have access to carbon monoxide devices. The EMS has been awarded two and his share would be around \$1,838.40. He will use the Ambulance Capital Outlay fund to purchase them. He presented updates and goals for 2014

He also presented his request for his 2014 budget.

John asked Chad to get them a major vehicle/equipment purchase schedule

Chad presented info on the annual conference and the benefits of attending. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow Chad & Rosa to attend the conference.

11:11 Zane Huffman came to the meeting to discuss the liquor by the drink issue. Scott asked for copies of the permits that Levi Murray has. John asked Scott to check the legalities of this. Zane let the Commissioners know that the patrons would be confined to a beer garden.

Department Heads came with the following:

They have requested a \$1.00/hr raise for all hourly employees for 2014.

Matt presented a brief example of the pay scale re-evaluation that the City of Greensburg had done by Jay Newton. After some discussion, the Commissioners asked Matt to get a quote.

Matt Christensen came with the following:

He asked the Commissioners to look at some line items in the County General fund, for reason of being severely under budget.

John made a motion to give the Prairie Chicken Foundation a one-time donation of \$1,000.00, Bert seconded and motion carried 3-0.

Gunner mentioned that he offered the job to one of the applicant's and he turned it down. He will run the ad again and will place it in more papers other than just the Signal & Merchant Directory.

After some discussion Bert made a motion to make Gunnar supervisor over the Solid Waste and Noxious Weed departments effective June 1, 2013, Ron seconded, and motion carried 3-0.

John made a motion to give Gunnar a \$1.00/hr raise for taking on the extra responsibilities of being over the extra two departments, Bert seconded, and motion carried 3-0

12:16 Mike Greenleaf came to the meeting to voice his concern about the liquor by the drink issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42.

Kiowa County Commission:



John W Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Commissioner



Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:


Suzanne Titus, Deputy Clerk