

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
May 31, 2013

Present: Ron Freeman, Bert Lowery, John Unruh, Kristie Odle, Scott James, Gunnar Stauth, Joel Schmidt, Bruce Foster, Matt Christenson, Grant Neuhold, Kendal Lothman, Patrick Clement, Jeff Blackburn, J. W Keene & D.J McMurry.

After the was prayer given by Jeff Blackburn John opened meeting.  
Kristie informed there was one deletion from the agenda  
Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with subject to County Attorney approval on Accounts Payable and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Gunnar Stauth gave multiple updates on upcoming projects. After discussion on the bridge east of town John moved to approve the additional cost of \$2500 to the right away reconcile replacement of O S 45 Bridge and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. He informed that he will be working Ray to see if he could use the GIS program to add all the County signs that he is required to have established in the County that is paid by the Federal Grant for %100 of the cost and that would save some cost from having Kirkham & Michael.

Next Gunnar Stauth, Bruce Foster & Joel Schmidt came to discuss the changes that will be in effect June 1 with Road & Bridge being the supervisor over all three departments.

Patrick Clement came to request \$500 to help fund his project he will be working on starting in July. He informed that the money would be used towards meals, lodging & etc. during the broadcasting of his short film. John informed they would discuss it further and let him know by the next meeting.

Kendal Lothman came to present his 2014 budget request for Jail and Sheriff Office. He explained the increase was due to all the cost such as food and freight are going up. Also he asked for a \$1 per hour for hourly salaries.

D.J McMurry came to present a payroll change for Mishaun Estes for her probation period and training. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next he presented his 2014 budget request for Appraiser office. He added the only increase he requested is for \$1 per hour for hourly salaries. He then requested for a 15 minutes executive session at 10:44 for non-elected personnel to include Scott and Kristie. Ron moved for a 15 executive session and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:59. Bert moved to approve Resolution 2013-6 to renew D.J McMurry Appraiser contract for 4 years and Joe Roth yearly contract with no changes to salary and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Ron moved to approve D.J McMurry GIS contract and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Matt Christenson came to discuss server update quotes that were request last meeting and presented pricing sheets for the replacement cost for Courthouse and Jail. Ron moved to approve the cost of the updates and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next they discussed mechanical maintenance agreements for the courthouse and they agreed to hold off on till the budget workshop and plan for that expense for the 2014 budget. Next Matt explained he had been in contact with the company Espy-By Services that could look into the issues he has been having with AT&T and preform an audit over the

entire plan. Matt feels he has exhausted all his options with AT&T and feels Espy-By Services would be the best option for the County since they are familiar with the issues. He then explained that they only get a percentage of the money that is retrieved from AT&T. Ron moved to approve to sign the contract with Espy-By Services and Bert seconded, motion carried. By consensus they agreed to have Matt sign the contract since he would be the only solely dealing with Espy-By Services. Next he presented the 2014 budget request for the Media Center with Grant Neuhold. He informed that they have decreased their budget request by \$5000 and they plan on decreasing each year till they are %100 self-funded.

Multiple topics were discussed during open forum but no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

Kiowa County Commission:

  
John W. Unruh, Chairman

  
Bert Lowery, Commissioner

  
Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kristie Odle, County Clerk