Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room May 4, 2015

Ron Freeman, John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Scott James, Jay Schmidt, Kristen Hines, Ann Dixson, Bob Ahrens, Tamina Fromme, Franklin Ruff, Jeff Blackburn, Donna and Pat Greenleaf, Dave Allen, J L Spurgeon, Jeff Werth and Josh Adlehart.

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

Minutes from 4-20 was tabled until next meeting due to corrections that need to be made. But the consent agenda was approved with John moving to approve and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay reported his crew is working on Northern blacktop this week depending on the rain we get determines how far they get. Next, he presented the supplement agreement for federal funds for the upgrading sign project for engineering fees from KDOT. John moved to approve the agreement and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Tamina Fromme arrives at 9:08

Jay also reported the statement by Cyndee Tuttle in last week's paper regarding the reopening of the recycle center was false. The Commissioners added they had not heard any concerns about the statement. There was discussion on the fees on the right away applications and after some discussion it was by consensus to the leave the fees as they were set. Next, he reported he would be attending training for new road supervisors on May 13th. Last, he presented two payroll changes for Duane Maas and Sean Kost. John moved to approve the changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron called for a break at 9:27 and regular session began at 9:32.

John wanted to ask if they had any concerns on the letter they had received from the museum board before they came and there was no concern discussed.

Soil Conservation Board came to present their 2016 budget request of \$15,000. Members that attended were Donna and Pat Greenleaf, Jeff Werth, Dave Allen, Josh Adlehart and JL Spurgeon.

Scott asked for a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. John moved for the executive session at 9:51 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0

. Regular session began at 9:56 with no action taken.

Kristen Hines and Ann Dixson came to request \$700 for CASA funds for 2016. After a report from Kristen, Ann added she felt they should consider \$1000 due to all the unpaid things they do for the program. Scott also added that the program is well worth the money for Kiowa County.

Bob Ahrens arrived at 10:06

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Bob Ahrens and Tamina Fromme came to present a letter asking an advance of \$4500 from their second disbursement that was scheduled for July 31st. Bob explained there were some unexpected expenses from 2013 for federal and state taxes that were not paid from the prior director at the museum. After some discussion Bert moved to give them the advancement of \$4500 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Kristi informed them she would run a special AP today for \$4500.

Ron called for a break at 10:26 and regular session began at 10:32.

Kristi presented payroll change for Wray Neilander from the Sheriff's office. Bert moved to approve the change, John seconded and motion was carried 3-0.

Topics discussed during Commissioner Discussion were deputy pay, G Road and Hospital Board contract with Great Plains.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ron Freeman, Chairman

John W. Unruh, Vice Chairman

Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk