

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting**  
**Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room**  
**April 30, 2019**

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jeff Blackburn, Rhonda Fernandez, Matt Christenson and Jay Schmidt attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, AP reports and Commissioner minutes of 04/15/19.

After the prayer was given by Jeff Blackburn, Bert opened the meeting. Ron moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; payroll changes (merit) D Maas, S Kost and J West, incident with solid waste vehicle, new R&B trucks received, bridge inspections completed, tree saw quotes, 12H Grader repairs, rebuild grader purchase and overlay bids north of Mullinville. After review of the payroll changes Bert moved to approve them and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Quotes provided on the tree saw were from Whitestar, MM2 model \$11,870, Whitestar, Harleman model \$13,300 and Carrico Implement \$17,000. Bert moved to trade in the old tree saw and approve the \$11,870 from Whitestar and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break called at 9:30


Matt Christenson came to discuss the backup server for the Courthouse that needs to be replaced and informed them he purchased one for \$2000 due to the warranty on ours could be over 2 months before we get that fixed. So, the one he purchased will be used now and once we get the other one back it will be used as a backup. He also reported that he is looking to purchase a new server for the Sheriff Office and replace network switches for the Courthouse. Last he presented a payroll change for (merit) T Libby for approval. After review of the payroll change Bert moved to approve and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

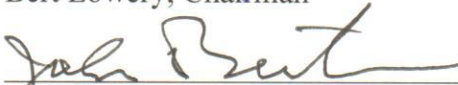
Rhonda Fernandez came to discuss renewing the Short-Term Disability (STD) plan through Assurant annually for \$13,440 and offer a employer paid Life & ADD plan through Reliance Standard annually for \$8,012. Rhonda explained the benefits for both plans and after some discussion on the plans, Ron moved to stop the STD plan and add the Life Insurance through Reliance Standard which will be paid by the Commissioners and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Rhonda did state that the employees will continue to have Sun Life insurance and that we could look at other options for STD next year if they choose too. She will go over the new information with the employees at the open enrollment.

Kristi Cooper presented payroll changes for (separation) N Hacker and (merit) T Finch for approval. After review of the changes Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Resolution 2019-6 for the ROZ program was presented, and Bert moved to approve the resolution and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she spoke to them about the Resolutions that have been done in the past regarding consumption of liquor at the fairground and it was by consensus to stop that due to the individuals that rent any facilities will be providing liability insurance that has events with alcohol. Last she reported that she is having Travis install doors at the restrooms in the concession stands at the fairgrounds and that they had to purchase a new coffee pot for the kitchen at the Community Center.

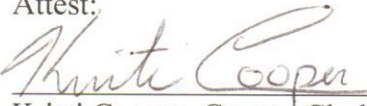
Meeting was adjourned at 11:38

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
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John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

  
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Ronald Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:  
  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk