

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting**  
**Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room**  
**January 21, 2020**

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Cassie Stokes, Jay Schmidt, Matt Christenson, Chris Tedder and Royce Frasier attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 01/06/20.

After the pledge of allegiance, Ron opened the meeting. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron adjourned the regular meeting and then called the Board of Health (BOH) meeting to order. Cassie Stokes came to give updates which included; December service totals, upcoming WIC & FP in service, grant work-end of quarter grant/fiscal reporting, daycare discussion with outside entities and health fair costs for employees. Ron adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular meeting to order. Kristi presented a payroll change for N Zadina (merit). After review of the payroll change, Bert moved to approve payroll change as presented and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; road maintenance updates, available positions at R&B and payroll change for R Young (6-month probation). After review of the payroll change Bert moved to approve the change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Matt Christenson came to discuss moving forward with the phone service switch from AT&T to Haviland Broadband. They discussed purchasing or leasing phones. After some discussion on what would be the best way John moved to approve the lease option for \$2425.75 monthly for phones and internet and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Royce Frasier came to discuss the nursing program for Barclay College and what measures they are taking to add this program to their curriculum. He asks them to consider a contribution of \$40,000 per year for the next 3 years to help with operating expenses until they receive accreditation for the nursing program. They are hoping to get other donors to help with this program as well. Bert informed him that they would look at this during the budget workshop and go from there.

Chris Tedder came to discuss K9 cage and coolant system for #104 car which would cost approximately \$4000. Bert moved to approve the purchase and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chay Howard via phone called to discuss renewing the Neighborhood revitalization program.

Break called from 10:40 to 10:50. Chay arrived at the meeting.

Kristi Cooper presented Policy 301 with the suggested revisions of setting a cap on how much time you can donate to other employees that have EIB, accruing leave will receiving donated hours and removing sections regarding buy back and payouts. Chay was present for the discussion. Chay explained the changes and why they needed to be corrected. After some discussion on the changes to

the policy Ron moved to approve the changes to Policy 301 and John seconded, motion carried. Chay left the meeting. Next, she presented resolution 2020-3 for the KS Homeland Security Region E Hazard Mitigation Plan. After review, Ron moved to adopt the resolution as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also presented was resolution 2020-4 for the operations hours at Noxious Weed. Kristi explained that hours for operation was changed to budget concerns from 7:30 am to 4:30 back in 2018 and that they have been working 7:30 to 5:00 since Jay came back and that they just needed to make it official by adopting a new resolution with the operational hour's changes. Ron moved to adopt resolutions 2020-4 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last she presented tax corrections for approval. After review of the changes Ron moved to approve the tax corrections as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

During Commissioner discussion Ron brought up the topic of paying for county employees health fair test like they have done in the past and wondered if the County insurance covers any of the charges. Kristi informed him that they would have to ask Kerri because she doesn't do any of the billing towards insurance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Kiowa County Commission:

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Ronald Freeman, Chairman

Attest:

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John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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Bert Lowery, Commissioner