

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
January 31, 2020

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Chris Tedder, Hank Halley, Jeanine Thomas and Tony Factor attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, AP reports and Commissioner minutes of 01/21/20.

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

Ron opened the public hearing at 9:00 for 30 minutes to discuss the selling of the Belvidere School. Jeanine Thomas and Hank Halley attended the public hearing. They both expressed their concerns to the Commissioners about the school. After a lengthy discussion of what they should do with the school, Ron tabled the public hearing till February 28th. Bert moved to set a new public hearing date for February 28th at 9:05 to determine what will happen with the school and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; road maintenance updates, quote on diesel fuel and payroll change for J Williams (merit), R Lothman (new hire). After review of the payroll changes, Bert moved to approve the changes as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break called 10 minutes 10:53

Chay Howard presented a proposed job reclassification for positions in his office. He explained the new job description and presented a payroll change for S McVey (wage increase) for approval. The new position will be combined as the office manager/Community Service Director and will be scheduled as a 9-hour position. After some discussion on the changes to the job descriptions and hours, John moved to approve the new job description as a 9-hour position and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he presented a payroll change for S McVey (wage increase) and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chris Tedder came and presented a payroll change for S McCann (merit) for approval. Ron moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, carried 3-0. Next, he reported there would be an additional charge of \$500 on shipping for the equipment they discussed at the last meeting and he asked them to approve the extra expense since the funds are coming out of the Special Equipment fund. Bert moved to approve him to spend \$500 out of the Special Equipment fund and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. He also reported he had to get a new voice recorder system and still looking at replacement options for his vehicle this year.

During commissioner discussion they discussed the Belvidere school and Ron asked about the operational hours for the health department. Kristi explained the reason for the hours for the health department, but they could visit with Kerri at the next meeting she attends.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman, Chairman

John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk