

Kiowa County Commissioners Special Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
March 18, 2020

Bert Lowery, John Bertram (absent), Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Kerri Ulrich, Jay Schmidt, Chris Tedder, Andrea Taylor, Ray Stegman, Richard McVey, Karen Butler, Kristy Zenger, Brenda Osborne, Matt Christenson and DJ McMurry attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda

After the pledge of allegiance, Ron opened the special meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Kerri Ulrich, Public Health Administrator and Ray Stegman, Emergency Preparedness Director came to discuss COVID-19 and the operations of the County. Kerri presented the executive order from Governor Laura Kelly and explained what they have discussed with moving forward with operations at the County level. She explained what precautions we are taking and asked them to take that under consideration and that they can re-evaluate the situation as needed. Ron opened the discussion to the audience of the supervisors. Multiple supervisors spoke up and gave their concerns on staying open and if they closed the Courthouse. After a long discussion, Ron moved to close the following buildings public access; Courthouse, Commons building, Community Center, Fair Barn, R&B and departments that would remain open would be the Sheriff Office, Health Department and County Landfill and that this would go into effect March 18th until March 31st and that they will re-evaluate the situation and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0. Ray presented Resolution 2020-8 COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for approval. After review of the document presented, Bert moved to adopt the resolution 2020-8 and Ron seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09.

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman, Chairman

Attest:

John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner