

**Kiowa County Commissioners Special Meeting**  
**Community Center**  
**March 20, 2020**

Bert Lowery, John Bertram (via phone), Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Kerri Ulrich, Jay Schmidt, Rosa Spainhour, Andrea Taylor, Ray Stegman, Matt Christenson, DJ McMurry, Jeff Blackburn and Wade Reh attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda

Ron called the special meeting to order at 7:30 at the Community Center to discuss County aide to the Community and operations moving forward for the County.

Kristi Cooper explained that earlier in the week they met with some of the outside entity's officials such as the Hospital, Schools, Cities and Ministerial Alliance to see what we all could do to help the Food Bank and the Community during this epidemic. She informed them that the County Attorney has graciously donated funds from the Diversion fund to purchase 2 upright freezers and refrigerators to help with this project. Also, she suggested that the use of the Community Building would be the best place as a temporary station to help with storage of commodities, access of picking up the items for the public with a drive through access effect. She requested them to consider to contributing funds to this project in the amount of \$20,000. Kristi asked Jeff to speak to them on the operations and the effects they are dealing with.

Jeff Blackburn informed them of the current operations and how they are providing for residents now but explained concerns with moving forward to provide this service.

After some discussion Bert moved to approve to allocate \$20,000 with a backup reserve of \$10,000 for the project that will come out of County General and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chay Howard informed them that at the last department meeting that the supervisors came up with a plan for operations for the COVID-19 and explained those changes. He would draw it up incase we need to put it in place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.

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