

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting**  
**Meeting held at the County Community Center Building**  
**February 1, 2021**

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Karen Butler and Chay Howard attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 01/29/21.

After the pledge of allegiance John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda with additions as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the Public Works departments which included; payroll change J Williams(merit), mining safety class coming up for CDL licenses, road maintenance, employee status.

Michael Rainger came to give an introduction of his business for Eco friendly technology called Brighter Communities to help with energy savings and gave a quick overview of what he does.

Break till 9:24. John called the meeting back to order.

Kerri Ulrich came to give updates for COVID-19 which included; vaccines, distribution of the vaccines, POD(point of distribution) vaccine clinic. John adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting to order.

Matt Christenson came to give updates which included; IT improvements, update to courthouse security cameras, update to the overall network core switch update for the courthouse and sheriff office and firewall update. He will report back with more firm numbers once those come in.

Break called till 10:03

Kristi Cooper presented payroll change for J Williams(merit) for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she presented reports for a special AP for truck fires from War time finds in the amount of \$5900 for approval, Bert moved to approve the AP reports and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last she presented the signature cards for the banks to collect all the signatures of the authorized signers on the County accounts. Next meeting will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> and that the Courthouse will be closed on the February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day.

Chay Howard requests an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss attorney client privileges for 5 minutes. Bert moved to go into executive session as stated above to include Chay and Kristi at 10:15 and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session 10:20 with no action taken.

During Commissioner discussion David wanted to discuss purchasing speakers for the Community center due to the facility being used for weddings, meetings and 4-H that could be rented. Next, David request an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee relations at 10:34 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began with no action taken. David requested another 20-minute employee relations for non-elected personal for employee performance at 10:36 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:56 with no action taken. They request to have the hourly supervisors to come at the first meeting in March to discuss wages and possible merit increase. They tabled the discussion on Elected official raises until after they meet with the other supervisors in March.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16.

Kiowa County Commission:

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John Bertram, Chairman

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David White, Vice-Chairman

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Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk