

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Meeting held at the County Community Center Building
March 15, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Morgan Allison, Rhonda Fernandez, Michael Rainger and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 03/01/21.

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

John adjourned the regular meeting at 9:01 and then called the Board of Health(BOH) meeting to order. Kerri Ulrich, County Health officer came to give updates which included Payroll change P Pearson, last POD until KDHE moves into Phase 3, State formula grant, Immunization Action Plan, Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant, KDHE ELC Covid-19 infrastructure expansion grant, mask mandate changes and health fair announcement date. John adjourned the BOH meeting to order and called the regular Commissioner meeting to order. Kerri presented payroll change for P Pearson for approval. Bert moved to approve the change as presented and John seconded, motion carried. Grant applications in the amount of \$131,224 were presented for signatures after review. John moved to approve the grant applications and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last they discussed the mask mandate and it was by consensus to lift the mandate. Kristi will search for the Resolution number to repeal and discuss this later in the meeting under commissioner discussion.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; new grader lease with Foley Equipment, road maintenance updates, possible dairy farm, Cat truck repair, road issues and concerns from a use of county right away project and payroll change for D Maas(6-month) and W Burnham(6-month). Jay Wade with Foley Equipment came to discuss a new grader lease for 2021 140-15AWJ Motor Grader. After discussion on leasing options Bert moves to approve the lease in the total amount of \$324,244.38 for 7 years with lease payments in the amount of \$38,160.43 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0 Next After review of the payroll change Bert moved to accept the change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Morgan Allison came to give some updates for Kiowa County Memorial Hospital(KCMH) which included how they are handling the mask mandate and in-house policy's, Haviland clinic operations and finishing up the transition on management of the hospital changes.

Clay Parkin came to present payroll changes for J Rugg(merit), S Kost(6-month) and M Tedder(6-month) for approval. Bert moved to approve the changes as presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Michael Rainger came to request a 15-minute executive session so he can present a demonstration of his sole proprietorship's Proprietary Software Application that is not public and contains trade secrets. Bert moved to go into executive session regarding data relating to the financial matter or trade secrets of a sole proprietorship at 10:00 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:15. Dave moved to release energy usage data on County facilities from the City of Greensburg and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Rhonda Fernandez came to give Employee Benefits review from July 2020 through February 2021.

During Commissioner discussion they continued the discussion for the mask mandate. Kristi informed them that they would need to repeal Resolution 2020-19 to end the County mask mandate. John moved to repeal Resolution 2020-19 and Bert seconded motion carried 3-0. Next Chay presented the Drug testing policy 709 for review. He explained the changes which included who would still be subject to be tested for pre-employment and random testing. He asked them to review the policy and they would continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16.

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner