

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

April 19, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Morgan Allison, Kendal Lothman, Matt Christenson, Shelly Tuttle and Michael Grainger attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 04/05/21.

After 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 2-0.

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; governor conference training completed, pharmacy student shadowing in office, COVID-19 clinics, COVID-19 case totals, KDHE ELC COVID-19 infrastructure expansion grant approved \$112,318, health fair preparations, payroll change P Fuller(pay increase) and N Zadina(pay increase). John adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular meeting to order at 9:14. Kerri presented the payroll changes and explained she was wanting to increase their wages to help with competitive wages within the community. After some discussion David moved to approve the payroll changes as presented with adjustments they discussed and John seconded, motion carried 2-0. Chay presented resolution 2021-4 and explained the resolution is for less stringent requirements for Kiowa County than the provisions of Governors executive order 21-14. Following some discussion John moved to adopt resolution 2021-4 and David seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; new grader lease with Foley Equipment and payroll change for J West(merit). John moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next, he discussed a grader lease. After some discussion David moved to approve the lease purchase in the amount of \$289,257.70 for 7 years with a yearly payment of \$33,419.28 and John seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Morgan Allison came to give some updates for Kiowa County Memorial Hospital(KCMH) which included a community assessment dinner invitation for the Commissioners, hiring a new PA and she will report quarterly instead of monthly to the commissioners.

Kendal Lothman presented payroll changes C McElroy(status change), S Beltz(termination) and V Gwin(new hire). After review of the payroll changes John moved to approve them as presented and David seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Michael Grainger came to present some information and data that he collected while he was here.

Break called till 10:00 am.

Matt Christenson came to continue the discussion on the leaks at the Commons building and regarding the recommendation from the engineer Michael Kelso with PEC (Professional Engineering Consultants). The discussion was tabled. Next, he presented a quote from Pueblo concrete to apply a sealant to the Mullinville Library in the amount of \$10,780. David moved to approve the quote as presented and John seconded, motion carried 2-0. Also informed them of a new American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA) and gave them some information. But he would report back as he gets more information on how the funding can be used.

Kendal Lothman came back to present a payroll change for R Martin(separation) for approval. After review of the payroll change John moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next, they discussed the tax sale that will be held on April 29th at 1:30 in the district courtroom. After some discussion regarding the starting bids for the properties it was by consensus to start them all at the same amount of \$25.

During Commissioner discussion John requested to go into executive session for 30 minutes for non-elected personnel for employee relations regarding wage compensations and David seconded motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 11:27 with no action taken . David requested an additional 10 minutes for an executive session at 11:28 for non-elected personnel for employee relations regarding wage compensations and John seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 11:38 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38.

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner