

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

April 30, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Kendal Lothman, Victoria Yohn, Rosa Hettinger, Matt Deighton, Shelly Wadel, Donna McDonald, Jackie Robertson and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 04/19/21 & 04/28/21.

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

Victoria Yohn and Josh Adelhardt came on behalf of the Kiowa County Conservation District to present their 2022 budget request and to give updates of some projects they have been doing within the County.

Donna McDonald and Jackie Robertson with Banco Insurance came to present the renewal from EMC for 2021-2022. Jackie informed them the increase of premium was due to work comp claims They asked them to look at higher deductibles and get a different quote for work comp. She will look into that and report back.

Matt Deighton came to behalf of the New York gives thanks organization to give updates which includes; bus tours and an opportunity for the county from the NYFD.

Rosa Hettinger came to present the 2022 budget request for the Ambulance service for Kiowa County and inform them why of the increase of \$40,000 which was recommended and approved by the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital board. DJ McMurry spoke on behalf of the hospital board explaining why they increased her original request by \$20,000 for vehicle replacement over the next several years.

Break called till 10:05

Shelley Wadel came to present the 2022 budget request for District Court.

Matt Christenson came to present a payroll change for T Libby(merit). After review of the payroll change Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he discussed some repairs that needed to be done to the emergency management storage building located at the Greensburg fire station for shingle replacement on the roof and that the cost would be \$954 and that he wouldn't file a claim due to the cost being lower than the deductible. Last he discussed the HVAC system at the Commons building needs replaced and that he ordered a new system in the amount of \$26,021 and he needed to get it replaced as soon as he could due to other items that is located in the maintenance closet, so he went ahead and got that replacement ordered.

Kendal Lothman presented payroll change for T Finch(merit). After review of the payroll changes Bert moved to approve them as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Discussed the Sherriff sale from yesterday.

Matt Christenson was asked to have an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wage compensation for employee/employer negotiations with the Commissioners. Bert moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:51 with no action taken.

Jay Schmidt was asked to have an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wage compensation for employee/employer negotiations with the Commissioners. Bert moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:07 with no action taken.

Kristi presented tax corrections for approval. After review Bert moved to approve them as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Also, she presented the reports for signatures for the approval of payroll and accounts payable reports and the minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Kerri Ulrich was asked to have an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss wage compensation for employee/employer negotiations with the Commissioners. Bert moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:34.

During Commissioner discussion they continued the discussion on the increase of the budget request from the Ambulance Service.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Kiowa County Commission:

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John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

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David White, Vice-Chairman

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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Bert Lowery, Commissioner