

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

May 28, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery Kristi Cooper, Mary Racette, Kelly Askew, Nadine Lampe, Kendal Lothman, Matt Christenson and Rhonda Fernandez attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 05/17/21.

After the pledge of allegiance and prayer John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda and hold off on the minutes till they can have a minute to review them and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mary Racette came to present their 2022 budget request and gave some updates on some upcoming events. Board members present were Sue Greenleaf, Carmen Renfrow, Kyla McDonald and Lenna Holtz.

Bert moved to approve the minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Nadine Lampe with Arrowhead West came to present their 2022 budget request and gave some updates on the program.

Kelly Askew came to present the County Library 2022 budget requests.

Sue Greenleaf came to present the County Fair board 2022 budget request.

Matt Christenson came present 2022 budget requests for Courthouse, Emergency Management, and Commons building. Matt requested an executive session for non-elected personnel for employee relations for 15 minutes. John moved to go into executive session at 9:52 and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 10:07. Bert moved to approve an increase on Matt's salary from \$65,500 to \$70,000 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kendal Lothman came to present payroll changes for M West and S Woodsmall (new hires) for approval. After review of the changes Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, he presented quotes for an ice machine from InteGreen Services Inc for \$3999. He explained he wanted to purchase one from a company that will service the equipment instead of buying from a store and he would like it to come out of the Special Equipment fund. Bert moved to approve the purchase and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. He presented a quote from Mallory Safety and Supply for a bulletproof vest and asks for it come out of the Special Equipment fund in the amount of \$1114.89. John moved to approve the purchase to come out of the Special Equipment fund and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt and Rusty Owens came to discuss the disposal of the grain storage bags. Bert moved to approve pay roll changes and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, they discussed to rent a container from North End disposal. Next, he presented a new a list of new fees for the landfill. David moved to approve the adjustment on fees and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. He then presented quotes on a ditch bank flail mower from Beaver Valley Supply Company in the amount of \$3495, Bestco Sales for \$4849 and Victory Tractor Implements for \$3995. Bert moved to approve the purchase from Beaver Valley Supply Company and John seconded, motion passes unanimously. He also presented a bid for a new tractor from John Deere in the amount of \$58,141.79 and Case Farmall for \$54,440. Informed them he was going to get bids out for overlays on City Service Rd., Chip Seal Northern Natural Rd. and Sand Seal on Brenham Rd.

Rhonda Fernandez came to present insurance renewal quotes for July 2021 through July 2022. Bert moved to approve the Blue Cross and Blue Shield and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, they talked about the supplemental insurances and discussed several options. Kristi will visit more with Rhonda on how to move forward with them.

Break till 12:02

Kristi Cooper gave updates from Maintenance department which included on going projects outside for a few of our facilities on the courthouse gazebo, health department yard remodel and commons building pond. Next, she presented budget requests for County Clerk, County Election and Community Center/Fairgrounds. Last she gave an update for the Election filings for 2021 Elections. Courthouse is closed on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> for Memorial Day and the next meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

During Commissioner discussion they discussed the Rural Opportunity Zone student repayment plan and Kristi informed them that currently the County is part of the program and how the program works. David gave an update from the meeting he attended regarding promoting Kiowa County.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47

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