

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

June 7, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Bruce Foster, DJ McMurry, Matt Christenson and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 05/28/21.

After the prayer was given by Jeff, John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; payroll changes C Erickson and B Brown(new hire for PT mower),Hank Halley came to behalf of Wes Halley to request to tie into our water line at our R&B shop in Belvidere, 30 yard roll off container order through Northend Disposal for the landfill, mowing tractor purchase, Bruce presented the Bert moved to approve the contract as presented and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. John moved to allow Wes Halley to tie into our county main line after July 1st and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Bert moved to approve to purchase two tractors from John Deere in the amount of \$58,141.79 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. John informed them he has received a call on and drainage concerns in Belvidere.

DJ McMurry presented a resolution 2021-5 to reappoint the County Appraisers for Joe Roth and DJ McMurry. David inquired on how many days he works in the office and DJ explained his schedule. Bert moved to adopt the resolution as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. The next renewal for their contract will be June 30th, 2024.

Kristi Cooper and Matt Christenson came to discuss the current County Pay Plan and presented their recommendation for changes which were section 2.4, 2.10, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. After some discussion on the changes Bert moved to approve the changes to the pay plan per Matt and Kristi's recommendation and to review section 3.4 at a later date and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented Resolution 2021-6 for the County authorizing participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program John moved to adopt resolution as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Break called till 10:29

Chay Howard wanted to inform them that the they will have their confirmation hearing for the next tax sale on Monday June 14th.

Next, they started the prebudget workshop and went through each budget that was submitted for 2022. While looking at the fire budget request they discussed increasing wages for the fire chief, assistant fire chiefs and secretaries. Kristi explained the chief currently is paid \$660 for his yearly salary, assistant chiefs are paid \$312 for their yearly salary and the secretaries are paid \$35 each time they work on run reports and reports submitted to the State for our departments. After some discussion Bert moved to change the salary for the chief to \$5000, assistant chiefs to \$2500 and secretaries to \$70 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner