

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

Courthouse District Courtroom

June 15, 2020

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Jeff Blackburn, Kerri Ulrich, Jay Schmidt, Cassie Gamble, Terry Butler, Mary Racette, Carmen Renfrow, Leanna Holtz, Victoria Yohn, JL Surgeon, Chris Tedder, Dave White, Scott McCann and Grant Neuhold attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR reports, AP reports and commissioner minutes of 06/01.

After the prayer given by Jeff Blackburn, Ron opened the meeting at 9:00. John moved to approve the consent agenda and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron adjourned the Commissioner meeting and called the Board of Health (BOH) meeting to order. Kerri Ulrich came to give updates which included; footcare clinics starting this week, Covid-19 updates, looking at re-scheduling the Health Fair for lab work only at the end of July or first of August. Ron adjourned the BOH meeting and called the regular meeting to order.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; payroll changes and sand seal on Mullinville blacktop starting soon. Jay presented payroll changes for B Foster (merit) J McClain (seasonal mowing) and T Odle (seasonal mowing) for approval. After review of the changes, Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Cassie Gamble came to discuss the 2021 Library budget request in the amount of \$110,000 and give updates which included; continuing to provide public services and rescheduling countywide summer activities.

Chay Howard informed them they are looking at rescheduling the tax sale and will keep them informed of a date.

Break called for 10 minutes at 9:41

Victoria Yohn and JL Spurgeon came to request \$15,000 for the 2021 Soil Conservation District.

Terry Butler came to introduce Mary Racette as the Museum director. Mary came to give them some financial information from comparing 2019 to 2020. Activities scheduled to help get the community involved. Mary requested \$35,000 for the 2021 budget request. Extended hours for soda fountain.

During Commissioner discussion Ron had a question on the voucher from the KCMH regrading an autopsy. Chay explained that the Sheriff office ordered an autopsy for the unattended death and that the County is responsible. Kristi verified the charges from Rosa that there was a charge for the initial run and then a charge for the transport to dodge.

Break called for 10 minutes 10:12

Chris Tedder came to discuss purchasing a mower for the shooting range. Once he finds one, he will come back to get approval for the amount to be paid out of the Special Equipment fund. Next, he requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee relations to include the County Attorney. Bert moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 10:21 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:31 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman, Chairman

Attest:

John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner