

Kiowa County Commissioners Special Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
June 28, 2021

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, David White, Kristi Cooper, Matt Christenson, Theresa Dasenbrock, Tiffany O'Rouke, Brenda Osborne, Karen Butler and Jan Case attended the meeting.

John Bertram called the special meeting to order at 9:00 to go over the 2022 County budget with our auditors, Theresa Dasenbrock and Tiffany O'Rouke from Lewis, Hooper & Dick and LLC.

Theresa reviewed the landfill agreed upon procedures and the audit report. Tiffany then went into the audit process and explained some observations and recommendations. Next, Theresa shared comparison graphs for population, totals milled levied last year, assessed tangible valuations, total levies that was compared to surrounding counties and cities and explained the Senate Bill 13 regarding the Revenue Neutral Rate(RNR) and how it affects setting County budget levies.

Ron called for a 5-minute break at 10:00.

John called the meeting back to order at 10:05 and they moved into the budget process and went through each request and adjusted budget requests. Theresa informed them that with the budget adjustments made they would be under the RNR by 4.758 mills. After some discussion on moving the levy up to the RNR to 73.067 she informed them that they would be looking at a decrease of 2.378 mills from 2020 levy for 2021 and this levy is at the RNR level. David moved to set the 2022 mill levy as 73.067 for publication and John seconded, motion passed 2-1(Bert opposed). The budget hearing will be held on August 2nd at 10:00 am during the regular Commissioner's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:19

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Vice Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner