

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

Kiowa County Community Center

June 30, 2020

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Ronald Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Jeff Blackburn, Kerri Ulrich, Matt Christenson, David White, Kim Gamble and Grant Neuhold attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR reports, AP reports and commissioner minutes of 06/15 & 6/29 Special Meeting.

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

Kim Gamble came to discuss the event they will be having at the Community Center in September. She explained with the recommendations to allow for 6-foot distancing they will need to open the south overhead door and put up a tent to allow space for the guests. She explained that the tent would not need to be staked down so there wouldn't be any concerns of hitting any telephone or water lines. After some discussion John moved to approve them to do set up a tent to connect the venue for the event and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chay Howard presented Resolution 2020-14 for Kiowa County Coronavirus Relief Fund. Chay explained the Spark grant and what we are doing to apply for this grant such as creating an advisory board to get involvement from the municipalities such as the cities and schools. The advisory board would meet and come up with a plan of disbursements and then would come back with the plan before August 15th. Kristi presented Resolution 2020-13 for COVID 19 Public Health Emergency for approval. After some discussion Bert moved to adopt resolution 2020-13 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Bert moved to adopt resolution 2020-14 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the Public Works departments which included; job description for a part-time equipment operator, payroll change C Beal(job reclassification), patch work on blacktops being done, purchase one truck to replace a 2001 model and City of Mullinville request regarding speed bumps. After review of the payroll change for C Beall, Bert moved to approve the pay change and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next John moved to approve the changes to the light equipment operator to Equipment operator and the part-time Equipment Operator and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Other items discussed by the Commissioners were culverts, south Mullinville blacktop and Noxious spraying weeds.

Kristi Cooper asked to remove the island in the driveway at the fairgrounds to make more parking in front of the Community Center. Jay Schmidt informed them that they would provide the material and they would spray for the area. Next she presented bids for a replacement of a water heater for the Community center. Oscar Handy Services for \$986 and Inter Green Services for \$950. After review of the bids Bert moved to accept Oscars Handy Services and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Additionally, she presented a payroll change for J Finch(merit) and (severed mineral clerk) and S Butler (resignation) for approval. After review of the changes Ron moved to approve the pay changes as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last she asked about opening all the doors at the Courthouse and after some discussion John moved to open the all the doors at the courthouse and allow parking in the East parking lot and Ron seconded,

motion carried 3-0. Also updated them on schedule changes to one meeting in July due to the fair being at the fairgrounds on July 20th and would let them know once the change is confirmed on location and dates.

Break called till 10:01

Kerri Ulrich came to inform the Commissioners of the new Executive Governors order that will be in effect on July 3rd at 12:01 a.m. She explained there is an increase of 900 cases through the state and that the new governors order offers no guidance that leaves the public health to utilize their best judgement. The new order is meant to help slow the spread of the virus while keeping businesses open and gave her recommendations regarding wearing masks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman, Chairman

Attest:

John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner