

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

July 19, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Kendal Lothman, Morgan Allison, Jeff Blackburn and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 07/06/2021.

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

John Bertram moved to adjourn the regular meeting and call the Board of health(BOH) meeting to session. Kerri Ulrich came to give updates for Public Health which included; State WIC audit completed, fiscal year reporting completed, back to school vaccines and physicals started, new sign placement, Covid new variant details, county vaccination totals and school nursing contracts with Valley View and Bucklin School. John adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting back to order. Kerri presented the contracts for Valley View and Bucklin School for approval. Bert moved to approve the contracts as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt came and presented updates for the Public Works Department which included payroll changes for C Pyatt and R Young(merit), storage pod moved to the fairgrounds, tree work done around Belvedere, landfill inspection from KDHE and road maintenance on Cottonwood Street in Haviland City. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Morgan Allison came to give updates for the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital which included; new physician hired, community health assessment, June financials and partnering with Pratt and Edwards hospitals.

Break called till 10:34.

Kristi Cooper presented a tax correction for approval. Bert moved to approve the correction as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kendal Lothman came to present a payroll change for B Parkin(merit). After review of the payroll change Bert moved to approve the change as presented and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, they discussed the 911 emergency phone fund and explained how that money is not tax dollars and that it comes from the state from phone carriers.

Matt Christenson came to discuss computer security training for all employees and explained why it is so important and why this would keep the county protected. He presented quotes from KnowBe4 for security awareness training in the amount of \$2187. It was by consensus to move forward with the security training and he also informed them that he is looking to partner with WSU with security training.

Brenda Osborne came to present a payroll change for C Clark(merit) and asked for them to approve an additional raise to get her deputy up closer to all the other deputies in the register of deeds, appraisers and clerks offices. After some discussion Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper the present one bid from Pueblo concrete for the courthouse and fire station. She informed them that the bids will come out of the building fund. After some discussion John moved to accept the bid for the fire department in the amount of \$32,400 and David seconded, motion passed 2-0 (Bert abstained). David requested to go out and look at the curbs, guttering's and sidewalks to get a better idea of what will need to be replaced.

After some discussion John moved to accept the bid for the \$54,700 for the front steps only and David seconded, motion passed 2-0(Bert abstained). Dave requested to get separate bids for curb and guttering, sidewalks and for the drive way on the east side of the building and John agreed. She reported she will get a new bid out in the papers. Last she asked about phone reimbursement for her phone since she uses it more for with her new promotion. David moved to approve the reimbursement in the monthly amount of \$50 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

During Commissioner discussion David wanted to have it on record the discussion for a daycare is a need as a whole and the County would not be operating and that he would only be in favor to help subsidize them if needed and John and Bert agreed. He has been approached about this and just wanted to have it on the record. Next, they discussed the Economic Development and Grant called via cell phone to be part of the discussion regarding office space in the Commons building. John moved to allow the economic development director to have office space in the media center area, motion not passed due to no second (David abstained). Discussion tabled until the 30<sup>th</sup> and she can remain in the office space till then.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27.

Kiowa County Commission:

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John Bertram, Chairman

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David White, Vice-Chairman

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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Bert Lowery, Commissioner