

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

July 6, 2021

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

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 06/30/21.

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.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; M-29 grader lease from Foley for signatures, mowing and replaced culvert south of Haviland last week.

Matt Christenson came to give some updates on the ARPA grant funds. He informed them that we have received half of the funding already and also reported what each entity will receive here in Kiowa County and explained a checklist and how the process will go as we start to spend the grant funds. The board will consist of Matt Christenson, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Kerri Ulrich, David White and Kendal Lothman.

Kerri Ulrich came to ask for clarification on where the funds to pay for the sidewalk would come from and it was by consensus to take it out of the building fund. Next, she present payroll changes for P Pearson and P Fuller for approval. David moved to go into executive session to discuss employee relations for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 9:45 with no action taken.

Break called till 9:50

John moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she asked about the need of a countywide daycare and Dave clarified that he spoke with a Economic Development board member about looking into this and asked her for some guidance on what the County should do and gave some suggestions.

Kendal Lothman came to present a payroll change for C Parkin(6-month probation) for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, he presented a payroll change for R Stegman(pay increase) for a part-time deputy. John moved to approve the payroll change as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt came back regarding a road between the elevator and storage bins in the city of Haviland that Rusty from Alliance Ag and he will talk with Rusty to see what the County can do to assist them .

Kristi Cooper presented tax corrections for approval. John moved to approve the tax corrections as presented and David seconded, motion passed 2-0(Bert absent).

Meeting adjourned at 10:27

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

David White, Vice-Chairman

Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk