

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Kiowa County Community Center
October 5, 2020

Ronald Freeman, John Bertram, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Matt Christenson, Eric Ivy and Dave White attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and commissioner minutes of 09/30

After the pledge of allegiance, Ron opened the meeting at 9:00. John moved to approve the consent agenda and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for the public works departments which included; payroll changes C Beall(full time), B Williams(merit), chip sealing patching on blacktops completed, bridge cleanouts South of Mullinville, install RCB culvert at R St. and 19th Ave, rail road crossing on 47th Ave, discussion on application fees on the use of County right of ways for utilities. After review of the payroll changes, Ron moved to approve them as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. There were no changes to the fees for the application for use of County right of ways for Utilities per Resolution 2012-13. Ron asked that the fees to enforced to anyone that requests an application for any county right away. Next, he informed them that he was checking into crossing arms for the railroad tracks on 47th Ave and that the railroad would split the cost with the county if interested or that maybe they could look at doing some dirt work at the intersection with the landowner's permission. He will report back.

Eric Ivy with ITC came to give update on the transmission line that runs through the County and informed them that they would be doing most the updates with a helicopter but there would be some light equipment used to move supplies but nothing that would affect the roads. Ron asked Chay if there should be an agreement with the County and ITC and Chay informed them they could but after some discussion with Eric he informed them that a verbal agreement was suffice with him that if there are any damages to roads, culverts that is caused from the maintenance to the transmission line that ITC would make it right.

Chay Howard requested an executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney client privileges with the Commissioners. Bert moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 9:55 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 10:05 with no action taken.

Matt Christenson came to present quotes for upgrading its remote working and teleconferencing capabilities that will be paid through the Cares Act funding. Quotes were obtained from SHI \$8,817.34, Connection \$9,601.55 and SCW \$10,735.03. Bert moved to approve the quote from SHI in the amount of \$8,817.34 and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. He also added that the amount budgeted for the direct aid plan was \$2,342.66 less and that he will requesting that the state allow them to move the unspent amount to one of our grant programs if necessary, to keep that money in our community.

Break was called at 10:21

Only item discussed during Commissioner discussion was Ron questioned the fees the Sheriff office pays for membership dues at the Greensburg Rec department and Kristi explained that he does this for his employees and that they have had this for several years and Chay explained why they can set their own fees for taxing entities as long as everyone pays the same.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26

Kiowa County Commission:

Ronald Freeman, Chairman

Attest:

John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner