

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

August 16, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Theron McKinney, Jeff Blackburn and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 08/02/2021 & 08/14/21.

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

David 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; new sign, new employee, covid totals, 42% vaccinated countywide, 1097 shots given, booster shot being introduced with stipulations, purchasing the property lot east of the office for parking, grant applications for salary and benefits to assist with hiring a nurse for the office and executive session for personnel matters. David adjourned the BOH. Bert moved to have an executive session for non-elected personal to discuss employee relations for 10 minutes and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 9:42 with no action taken. A payroll change was presented for Jessie Steyn(new hire). Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented a school nursing contract for 422. After review of the contract Bert moved to renew the contract with USD #422 and David seconded motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt came and presented updates for the Public Works Department which included payroll changes for Cyndee Tuttle(merit) and Chris Cagle(merit and job classification), chip seal on northern blacktop, 811 locates, 12H Grader sold on Big Iron, load ratings preformed on bridges from Kirkham Micheal/TransSystems, application submitted on OS bridge #17, HHW annual report due, Solid Waste Management plan annual review due and landfill permit renewal due. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Matt Christenson came to discuss network equipment upgrades for Courthouse and Jail and presented quotes. He explained the 2 types for equipment for Ubiquiti Networking equipment and Netgear equipment. Quotes came in from B&H \$7700.45, CDWG \$7835.91 and SHI \$7374.31. Bert moved to approve SHI bid for \$7374.31 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Theron McKinney came to be part of the discussion for setting a new resolution regarding formalizing the fire department chief. After some discussion Bert moved to have Theron on a 6-month probation period as interim chief and this would allow him time to get things in place before they set it all in a County Resolution and David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi requested to table the bids she had received since John isn't present and it was by consensus to hold them till the 31st. David moved to table the bids till the next meeting and John seconded, motion passed unanimously(Bert abstained). She informed them of what the quote from Service Master is for the floors at the courthouse and after some discussion Bert moved to approve the bid from Service master for \$1902.61 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

There were no topics for Commissioner discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner