

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

August 31, 2021

John Bertram, David White, Bert Lowery, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Morgan Allison, Jonathan Clayton, Kendal Lothman, Theron McKinney, Jeff Blackburn and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 08/16/2021.

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

Jonathan Clayton came to discuss the USDA Emergency Health Care Grant and explained the grant and what he could help with rural health care systems (Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, Kiowa County Health Department and Kiowa County Senior Citizen Center) which we are eligible to receive 35% of the costs associated with this grant program. He explained that he will work with the boards of those entities and come back for the final approval of the application before the deadline in October. David moved to pursue the USDA grant application and John seconded, motion passed unanimously

Mark Dirks came to visit with the commissioners regarding M. St from 183 Hwy west to the Mennonite Church and see if they could get the road in a better shape since it goes to the cemetery as well. Bert mentioned that he has talked with Jay and he is working on this project.

Matt Christenson came to give an update on the expenditures for the ARPA funds for the first round of reporting and informed them that he will move forward with meeting with those who will be part of the process and report back.

Theron McKinney came to have an executive session for non-elected personnel regarding fire department personnel for 15 minutes. Bert moved to go into an executive session at 9:24 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 9:39 with no action taken.

Kristi Cooper presented payroll changes for C McElroy(new hire) and L Thronesbery(merit) for approval in the absence of Kendal and Jay. After reviewing the payroll changes David moved to approve them as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented a bid from Pueblo concrete and explained the other bid withdrew their bid after the tabled them at the last meeting and after some discussion on receiving more bids John moved to strike the bid from Pueblo concrete and rebid the project again and David seconded, motion passed 2-0 (Bert sustained). Next, she gave a few maintenance updates.

Break called till 10:01.

During Commissioner discussion they continued to discuss the Dairy farm and included the housing and daycare needs and Julie Lyon, County Economic Development director was included in the discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44

Kiowa County Commission:

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John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

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David White, Vice-Chairman

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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Bert Lowery, Commissioner