

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

June 20, 2022

David White, Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Grant Neuhold, Matt Christenson, Kari Kyle, Julie Lyon, Kendal Lothman and Stacey Weaver attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 6/6/2022.

Prior to the meeting, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and prayer given by Stacey Weaver. David White next opened the meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kerri Ulrich came to request a session for Board of Health (BOH). David adjourned the Commissioner meeting at 9:01 and called the Board of Health meeting to order. She reported staff updates, County Medical Director Dr. Ben Yabut has resigned from KCMH and looking into other options, attended the Red Cross shelter training, gave COVID-19 updates and leadership class through WSU completed. David adjourned the BOH at 9:09 and called the regular meeting to order.

Jay Schmidt invited Bruce Foster to come discuss spraying for noxious weeds and the use of the chemicals. Next Jay presented payroll changes for R Foster (merit) for approval. John moved to approve the payroll change as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Other updates included sand seal projects completed on City Service and Haviland blacktop, Kirkham and Michael will complete the county bridges load limit ratings this year, hauling caliche and dirty oversized rock to A St between 49th and 51st Ave next week to build the road up and do some ditch work, working on a field entrance on 30th Ave and correcting some water holes and deep sand spots, placing the dumpster at the back of the theatre and updated tire disposal price list for approval. Bert moved to approve the 2022 Landfill Prices and Tire Disposal Price list and John seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Grant Neuhold came and presented a slideshow on the different aspects the Media Center does overall and to go over his 2023 budget request and inform them of why they have an increase and how it will be used.

Matt Christenson came to present the 2023 budget requests for Emergency Management and Courthouse.

Kari Kyle came to present the 2023 budget request for the Council on Aging and explained that the increase is due to funds from other sources for their facility being decreased.

Break called until 10:32

Julie Lyon came to present the 2023 budget request for Economic Development and board member Kristy Zenger was present. She provided handouts with information on the program and what she can assist with in Kiowa County. And explained what the increase in their budget would be used for.

During Commissioner discussion J L Spurgeon came to talk about the duty of the Commissioners as fence viewers and Chay explained the statues that apply to specific duties as the viewers and what their responsibilities include, and he requests that the County publishes how they will handle this process moving forward. Kendal suggested getting an AG opinion on the subject.

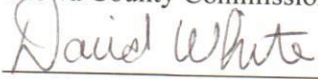
Kendal Lothman came to discuss the 2023 budget request for the Sheriff office and Detention office.

Kristi Cooper presented a tax correction for personal property for review. Bert moved to approve the correction and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented payroll changes for J Finch and M Tuttle for merit raises. After review Bert moved to approve the changes as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Payroll and Accounts payable reports were presented for signatures and the minutes for June 6th. Last she went over the County Clerk, County Election and Maintenance 2023 budget requests.

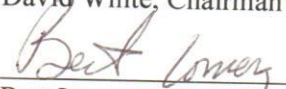
Next, they started the pre-budget workshop with reviewing all budget requests for 2023 County Budget. There were no changes to be submitted to the auditors for the workshop on June 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21

Kiowa County Commission:



David White, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman



John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk