## Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

July 5, 2022

David White, Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Royce Frazier, Bruce Foster and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 6/30/2022.

Prior to the meeting, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and prayer given by Jeff Blackburn. David White 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 inform them that road work on the county line north of Haviland is about finished, a grader lease is coming up in January but due to the expected price increase, he is looking to purchase one at the end of this year from Cat or John Deere, they also discussed a bobcat lease. Jay is looking into replacing the dump trucks they purchased from the State due to the expense of them continuously breaking down and is going to look into purchasing an end dump trailer. Bruce Foster came to be part of the discussion on spraying Johnson grass and how its charged for spraying and Chay explained the statues regarding the spraying for noxious weeds and the publications or notices he should be doing. He also suggested in getting an actual written agreement on the applications. They requested Chay to look to see what surrounding counites do.

Chay asked for clarification on the fence viewing and what they are specifically wanting him to look into about the process since he wasn't present when they were discussing this. They were in consensus to draw up a request form for the process and get notice out to the public and if something does arise, he could get an AG opinion at that time. Lastly, he wanted to inform them that he is going to prepare for a tax closure sale for delinquent taxes from 2017 and earlier to get those caught up. John moved to approve the County attorney to proceed with a tax sale and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously .

Royce Frasier came to give some updates for Barclay College and accredited programs they offer and information on the new wellness center they are building.

During Commissioner discussion David asked about the repairs that needed to be done with the irrigation system on the west side of the courthouse that was caused by the contractors and Kristi explained what happened and how it was handled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24

Kiowa County Commission:

David White, Chairman

Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman

John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk