

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

August 31, 2022

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

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 8/15/22.

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

Karen Butler came to present a separation payroll change and reported her last day would be September 30th. After review of the payroll change Bert moved to approve and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper presented tax corrections for approval. After review of the corrections, John moved to approve them as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented minutes of August 15th and AP reports and PR reports for signatures. Also reported their next meeting will be September 6th due to the courthouse would be closed for Labor Day.

Kendal Lothman came to present a new hire payroll change for A Sutton. After review of the payroll change Bert moved to approve and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Dave asked about a voucher for a prison transport and Kendal explained the voucher.

Jay Schmidt came to present a merit payroll changes for D Maas and W Burnham for approval. After review, Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, he gave updates which included skid steer lease payoff, blading, road maintenance and chip seal overlay on M St. between 25th and 27th Ave per Bert request from 183 Hwy to the Mennonite church. After some discussion they asked Jay to get a bid out for the chip seal for that project and report back with bids.

Break called till 9:30

Julie Lyon came to give some updates for Economic Development which included attended a conference on housing and infrastructure and a few updates on a few new possible daycares within the county.

Chay reported on the 6x6 that he is working on getting a title for the truck that was sold in 2021 per their approval and suggested getting titles on the other 3 trucks we have. It was by consensus to have Chay look into filing for a quite title. John moved to approve for Chay to move forward filing for a petition for a quite title with the 6x6 AM General that was sold with no title and to get 3 titles on the existing trucks that are in service at the fire departments and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Lastly, he gave a few updates on the tax sale.

David opened the RNR hearing at 10:00 and opened it up for public comment. There were no public comments. At 10:10 David closed the RNR hearing and called the budget hearing to order at 10:10 for public comment. There was no public comment. At 10:20 Dave closed the budget hearing. Clerk presented resolution 2022-14 for the County of Kiowa County, KS to levy the property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 71.861 mills and Bert seconded, motion passed 3 yes, 0 no. Clerk recorded the roll call vote. Next Dave moved to adopt the 2023 County budget as presented and to set the county levy at 74.983 mills and John seconded, motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Meeting adjourned 10:28

Kiowa County Commission:

David White

David White, Chairman

Bert Lowery

Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman

John Bertram

John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk