

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

September 19, 2022

David White, Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Steve Heft, Aaron Heft, Tracey Barton(via phone), Norm MacLeod(via phone) and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 9/6/2022.

Prior to the meeting, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and prayer given by Jeff Blackburn. 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 9:00 and called the Board of Health meeting to order. She reported updates which included, employee update, flu clinic schedule, immunization clinics, sanitary school inspections per K.S.A. 65-202, revised vision and hearing screening form, active chicken pox cases and gave procedures they are following, WIC site audit pending, seeking bids on office renovations, hiring a contracted medical billing specialist, and COVID 19 totals as of July 8th. David adjourned the BOH at 9:12 and called the regular meeting to order. During regular session Bert moved to approve a contracted medical billing specialist and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt presented a sealed bid for M St Chip seal from Heft & Sons. After review of the bid Bert moved to approve the bid in the amount of \$63,550 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously, Steve did mention that the road would be closed for at least 2 days so that away they know. Next, he presented a payroll change for T Barnes (new hire) as the new R&B foreman. Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Also, he presented grader blade quotes for 100 blades from Byram Blades \$16,700, Equipment Blades \$17,025 and Foley \$15,266. Bert moved to approve the purchase of 100 blades from Foley in the amount of \$15,299 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Also, he gave updates on patching blow outs in the sand and finished building the intersection of C St. and 30th Ave and will be getting G St. and 30th Ave built this upcoming week.

Chay gave a quick update on certificate of title for the tax sale still is ongoing, title on the sold 6X6 AM General firetruck still working on. He presented a revision to policy 301 regarding the accrual of PTO when an employee is off work; he added that an employee must work a minimum of 8 hours during the pay period to be able to accrue PTO time during that pay period. After review of the changes, John moved to approve the revision to policy 301 and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Tracey Barton and Norm MacLeod with KNRC joined the meeting via phone to discuss some updates on the abandonment process for the rails to trails initiative and asks them to sign the recommendation letter to WATCO to initiate a new abandonment process for the rail segments previously subject to Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 853 (Sub-No. 1X). After some discussion John moved to approve the letter of support requesting WATCO to initiate the process for the rails initiative and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

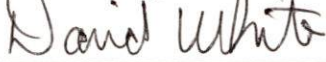
Break called till 10:10

Kristi Cooper presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and minutes of September 6th to be signed. Next, she presented a payroll change for K Charlton (resignation) for approval in Kendal absence. After review Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Also presented were tax corrections for approval. Bert moved to approve the tax corrections and John seconded,

motion passed unanimously. Last she reported on the safety inspection from the Kansas Department of Labor(KDOL) and provided them the report she received on their recommendation of corrections on the findings and that she is working with the departments to get those taken care before the deadline on November 14th. She did add that they could file for an extension, but she didn't feel at this time that it was necessary. She would report back when everything has been corrected and report filed with the KDOL

Meeting adjourned at 10:41

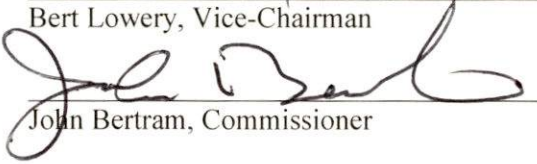
Kiowa County Commission:



David White, Chairman

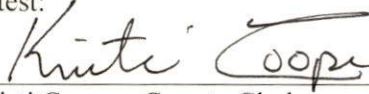


Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman



John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk