

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

October 17, 2022

David White, Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Terri Butler, Desiree Wirth, Don Stewart, Kendal Lothman, Matt Christenson, Linda Durham, Theron McKinney and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 10/3/22 & 10/6/22.

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, personnel, Jennifer Cook will be our medical director, grant reporting for KDHE and WIC updates, pneumonia vaccines, community outreach of flu shot clinics, upcoming safe kids' event, completed the sanitary inspections for the schools per KDHE, vision and hearing screenings, highlighting services through the media center, COVID 19 & WIC site audit and retention schedule of records. Dave adjourn the BOH and called the regular meeting to order at 9:17. She presented school nursing contract with USD 474 for approval. Bert moved to approve the contract as presented and John seconded motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt presented a merit payroll changes for J Price and B Williams for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Also, he gave updates on continuing fixing blowouts on gravel roads, cleaning the bridge and waterway on Q St. between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and replacing culvert on 29<sup>th</sup> Ave south of Q St about 1 mile.

Terri Butler came to discuss wages for her new deputy for \$14.75. John moved to approve the wage of \$14.75 and Bert seconded, motion passes unanimously.

Kristi presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and minutes for signatures.

Don Stewart came to revisit the discussion on the usage of the electronic equipment used for Kiowa County elections and requested that they remove them. After some discussion, John moved to remove the machines for elections, motion died due to no second. No other action was taken.

Break called for 10:19.

Desiree Wirth and Jamie Brown from the Kiowa County Extension board came to discuss combining extension districts with Comanche and Barber County districts and informed them of the benefits and reasons why this would be the best option for Kiowa County Extension. Robin Eubank-Callis from Barber County included that they have been having a conversation and informed them how the combined districts would work and provided information for them. Members present were Desiree Wirth(Kiowa Co), Jamie Brown (Kiowa Co), Mary Dawson(Comanche Co), Levi Miller(Comanche Co), Justin Goodno(Barber Co), Robin Eubank-Callis(Barber Co) and Alli Hoshiet(Kiowa Co). They will come back once they decide what they are going to propose to the Commissioners.

Kendal Lothman came to present payroll changes for S Beltz(new hire), R Smith(probation period) and J Bruckner(merit) for approval. Bert moved to approve them as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Matt Christenson came to present changes to the Policy 508 for Computer and Email usage. He informed them of the changes as presented to them. After review John moved to approve the changes as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

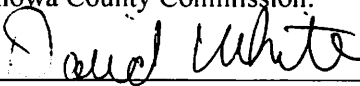
Theron McKinney came to give updates for the Fire department on grants they are applying for some equipment and rescue response truck for Mullinville department. He informed them that they would like to move forward to order the truck since it could take up to 6 months to a year to receive one. Dave moves to order the 550 Ford truck through the government program and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, they discussed the letter the commissioners received. Chief informed of what the donation fund is used for and what his duties are as the fire chief. Last they discussed the 6X6 AM General trucks.

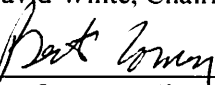
During Commissioner discussion they revisited the extension joining concerning budgets.

Terri came back to present a payroll change and explained per the County Pay Plan that the starting wage was under what the starting wage was. After some discussion, Bert moved to approve the corrected payroll change with the correct starting wage as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

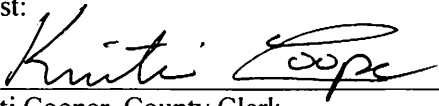
Meeting adjourned at 11:32

Kiowa County Commission:

  
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David White, Chairman

  
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Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman

  
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John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:  
  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk