

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

October 3, 2022

David White(absent), Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Kendal Lothman, Jay Schmidt, Matt Christenson, Terri Buter and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

**Consent agenda included:** Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 9/30/22.

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

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for Public Works departments which included completed the intersection of G St. and 30<sup>th</sup> Ave, chip seal on M St completed, chip sealing patches on blacktops this week and bridge cleanout and channel work leading up to and going out the bridge on Q St. east of 183 Hwy approximately ¾ mile. Bert asked about the new skid steer lease.

Kristi Cooper presented the minutes of September 30<sup>th</sup> and the special account payable reports for signatures.

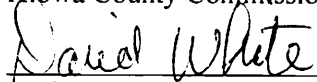
Matt Christenson came to report on a project he is working on is due to housing shortage and explained how he worked with Stacy Barnes and Julie Lyon on a housing survey and gave them some documents with the information they compiled. He gave some examples of county wide incentive programs to help move forward with housing shortages. Last he presented a graph of the funds from ARPPA funds and how those funds could be used to help with the incentive programs. Matt suggested making up some county match incentives program drafts they could review and go from there if they wanted. It was by consensus for him to move forward on drawing up some plans and report back.

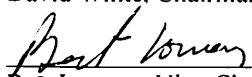
Kendal Lothman and Matt Christenson came to discuss the purchase of a building at 613 W Kansas in Greensburg that will be used for storage by multiple departments and that the structure will need some repairs to the roof and siding but with the increasing costs of buildings they felt this could be beneficial to the County. Kendal also reported that the property is going to be up to public auction on October 15<sup>th</sup> and apologized due to the short notice but wanted to bring it to them today due to the auction is coming up before they would meet again. After some discussion Bert moved to bid up to \$60,000 on the property and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Terri Butler came to inform them that she has received word from the Governor's office on her appointment to the Register of Deeds and that they are waiting of the Secretary of State to sign off so she can be officially sworn into office but that the County could move forward with setting her salary and resume the duties. Kristi explained that in the past that when an elected official has left office that they have set salaries as to have the new official start where the last official left at. So, after some discussion Bert moved to approve the payroll change making Terri the Register of Deeds with a salary of \$49,920 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:11

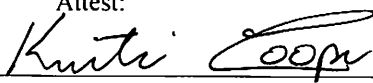
Kiowa County Commission:

  
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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

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