

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

October 31, 2022

David White, Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kerri Ulrich, Terri Butler, Clay Parkin, Brenda Osborne, Matt Christenson and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 10/17/22.

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.

A member of the audience wanted to address the commissioners regarding their decision from the last meeting by not removing the election equipment from the polls and Dave explained they felt the equipment does its job and asked the clerk to give some explanation on the equipment. After the Clerk explained the operations of the machines, she invited her to come to the public testing of the election equipment that will be held on November 4th at 1:30 p.m. located at the courthouse.

Jay Schmidt came to present the annual Solid Waste Management plan and go over the changes. Next, he presented resolution 2022-15 to adopt the new Solid Waste Management plan. After review of the plan and resolution. John moved to adopt resolution 2022-15 as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Other updates for public works included field check with Kirkham and Michael on a bridge north of Greensburg for a low water crossing, survey markers for the MAKO wind project coming in November through Westwood Professional Services, bridge clean out on the bridge on Q St. east of Hwy 183 and west of Belvidere, new Bobcat skid steer arrived, GIS will be water testing at both landfills this week and road maintenance.

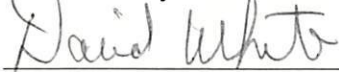
Matt Christenson came to present a new county policy for approval that the supervisors has created for longevity for full time employees and explained the policy contents. After much discussion this was tabled till they could get more information from other counties to review before setting a policy for Kiowa County.

Chay Howard presented a proposed resolution to repeal 2011-8 and explained the state set fees for filing plat maps and that our current fees are less than what they need to be to comply to the statute set by the state. Bert moved to adopt resolution 2022-16 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last they discussed the letter they received from Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad regarding the letter they sent in supporting the rails to trails initiative. After some discussion it was by consensus to have Chay contact KNRC and see what they are going to do moving forward and report back.

Kristi Cooper presented a merit payroll change for L Gwin for approval. After review of the change, Bert moved to approve the change as presented and Dave seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented the 2023 County holidays for approval. John moved to approve the 2023 county holidays as presented and Dave seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last she presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and minutes for October 17th for signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39

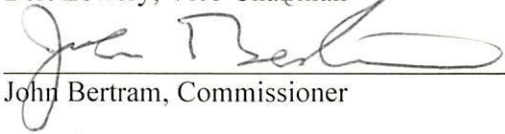
Kiowa County Commission:



David White, Chairman

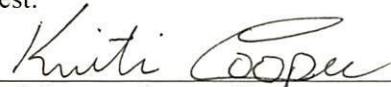


Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman



John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk