

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

December 19, 2022

David White, Bert Lowery, John Bertram, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jeff Blackburn, Kerri Ulrich, Jay Schmidt, Julie Lyon, Eric Buck, Theron McKinney, Kendal Lothman, Terri Butler, Ray Stegman, Matt Christenson, Robin Eubank-Callis, Chris Onstad and Cyndee Tuttle attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 12/5/22.

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

Kerri Ulrich requested a session for the Board of Health. David adjourned the Commissioner meeting at 9:01 and called the BOH meeting to order. She reported updates which included monthly clinic service totals up to date, flu shots available and coalition training coming up. David adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting to order at 9:05.

Jay Schmidt gave updates which included ditch and culvert work on O St. between 3rd Ave and 5th Ave, foundation for cattle guard at M St. and 76th and purchasing asphalt millings from Venture for \$7 per ton for some patching next year. It was by consensus to purchase what he can and stockpile it at the old landfill.

Julie Lyon gave updates on Economic Development that included grants applications, spreading information on the NRP program on a few different platforms, upcoming daycare information and housing discussion.

Eric Buck requested a year end budget transfer to their ambulance special equipment fund in the amount of \$96,000 which will be used to purchase a new power cot and a new ambulance for the future.

Theron McKinney gave updates on the tanker truck purchase and explained they would like to buy a 1999 F-550 brush truck instead of the tanker for \$30,000 from T-Line Emergency Vehicles. Bert moved to cancel the tanker truck purchase and to purchase the brush tanker instead for \$30,000 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Terri Butler presented a quote on a new copier for the Register of Deeds office from Century in the amount of \$6691. Bert moved to approve the purchase and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper presented tax corrections for approval. After review John moved to approve the corrections as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented payroll reports, accounts payroll reports and minutes of December 5th.

During commissioner discussion they discussed the extension office districting with Robin Eubank-Callis, Chris Onstad and Cyndee Tuttle being present. After some discussion, Dave asked if anyone would like to make a motion to join extension districts with Comanche and Barber County. No motion was made to make any changes.

Kendal Lothman came to present a merit increase payroll change for T Neill. After review of that payroll change Bert moved and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. David wanted to address a few questions he had regarding Christmas incentive and air med contract for his employees. Kendal informed them why he

had done those and that he will check with the auditors moving forward on any incentives to make sure they are handled correctly per the IRS guidelines.

Ray Stegman and Matt Christenson came to request a year end budget transfer to his Emergency Management special equipment fund in the amount of \$10,000 for radio and equipment. And encumber \$9000 for utilities at the new storage building for the first year. After some discussion John moved to approve the encumbrance of \$9000 and Bert seconded; motion passed unanimously. Next, John moved to transfer \$10,000 to their special equipment fund and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.


Kristi Cooper requested 3% merit for county supervisors and 5% COLA for all county employees. After some discussion it was by consensus to allow for a 5% COLA for all employees and 3% merit for all county supervisors. Kristi will prepare the payroll changes and present them at the next meeting so they can be effective on the first payroll for 2023.

Break called for 5 minutes at 11:03.


Eric Buck came back per their request since no motion was made when he was here earlier for his year-end transfer. After some more discussion with the Matt and the Commissioners. He requested to change his prior transfer request to \$81,000 for a new ambulance and equipment. Bert moved to approve the transfer of \$81,000 to their special equipment fund and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:22

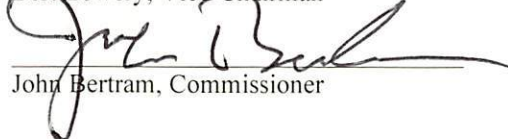
Kiowa County Commission:



David White, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice-Chairman



John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk