Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

January 3, 2023

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, David White(absent), Kristi Cooper, Kendal Lothman, Nate Brown and Rhonda Fernandez attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 12/29/22.

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

Kristi Cooper presented resolution 2023-1 providing for chairman and vice-chairman of the board of commissioners, official county depositories, official county newspaper and County holidays; resolution 2023-2 Waive GAAP requirement and resolution 2023-3 authorizing participation in rural opportunity zone student repayment program for calendar year 2023 for approval. After review, John moved to adopt the resolutions as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she presented a merit payroll change for A Taylor for approval. After review Bert moved to approve the payroll change and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt came to give updates for public works which included hauling asphalt millings from Venture and cattle guard work on 76th Rd.

Nate Brown came to present a proposal for Air Med Care Network for employees on air transport coverage. He presented information for them to review and gave a brief summary of what they offer for employers such as no preauthorization's, no limits on flights for members, group discount rates and covers all members in the employee's household. The discussion was tabled/

Rhonda Fernandez came to inform them that she has declined to give a proposal with MASA MTS, Global due too she feels that Air Med Care Network has better coverage for our rural area and that she has worked with other counites who has Air Med Care with no complaints or issues for their policies they offer.

Kendal Lothman presented several payroll changes that included merit, 6-month probational period, new hire and night shift differential pay for approval. Bert moved to approve all the payroll changes presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, he requested a 5-minute executive session at 9:41. Bert moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel regarding employee relations and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 9:46 with no action taken. Kendal presented a termination payroll change for J Wilkerson-Rodriguez for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper presented minutes from December 29th meeting for signatures. She reported that their next meeting will be January 17th.

During Commissioner discussion they revisited the topic on the Air Med Care Network proposal and Kristi wanted to follow up from the previous conversation regarding work comp and informed that this membership would not be eligible on any work comp claims just personal claims per KWORCC.

Meeting adjourned 9:52

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Kiowa County Commission:

Bert Lowery, Chairman

John Bertram, Vice-Chairman

David White, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk