

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

March 6, 2023

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, David White, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Kendal Lothman, Julie Lyon, Matt Christenson and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 2/28/23.

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

Jay Schmidt presented a merit payroll change for K Koehn approval. After reviewing, Dave moved to approve the change as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Other updates for public works included, blading last week, road and bank work on G St between 31st and 33rd, channel work south of Greensburg due to beavers causing drainage issues, replacing overhead door on the Haviland shop, grader lease coming due 1st of July and first of December and working with Foley on quotes and new leases also from Murphy Tractor and John Deere. He also invited them to the SKACE District 5 meeting on April 6th.

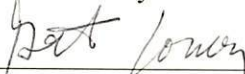
Kristi Cooper presented a tax correction for approval. After review, Bert moved to approve the correction as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she informed them that the date for the County Budget workshop would be at the regular meeting on July 17th. Lastly, she presented minutes from February 28th for signatures and collected their signatures for the list of County Officers for Kiowa County that will be sent to the Secretary of State's office.

Kendal Lothman came to present a payroll change for a deputy new hire D Adams. He also informed them that that he has a K9 and that they are working out the details on being a K9 deputy. He asks for them to approve his starting wage at \$20 which more than 10% greater than the allowance in the pay plan on the starting wage. Also informed them that he is being allowed to live out of County and will be having a patrol car to take home so he can respond on any calls for his K9. After review of the payroll change, John moved to approve as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last he gave some staffing updates.

Matt Christenson came to present proposals for the (MIH) Moderate Income Housing grant program that will go along with the County ARPA funds and the contractors' funds for the total cost of construction on the moderate-income housing project. The contractors who submitted proposals were Gumpenberger Construction and Hayse Management Services. He went over each proposal from both contractors on what their project would all entail. Discussion was tabled till the meeting on the 31st.

Meeting adjourned 10:43

Kiowa County Commission:


Bert Lowery, Chairman


John Bertram, Vice-Chairman


David White, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk