

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

April 28, 2023

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, David White(absent), Kristi Cooper, Sonja Channell, Jay Schmidt, Bruce Foster and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: meeting agenda, payroll report, accounts payable reports and commissioner minutes of 4/17/23.

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 Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Sonja Channell with Santa Fe Trail to give updates on the program and presented FY 2024-2025 juvenile reinvestment grant/budget, FY 2024 juvenile comprehensive grant/budget and FY 2024 adult comprehensive grant/budget. She gave a summary of the information she is presenting and explained how the grants are used for operating costs for the program in between Clark Co, Meade Co, Ford Co, Comanche Co and Gray Co. After some discussion John moved to approve the juvenile grants presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. John moved to approve the adult grants and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Foster came to present the KDOT contract and annual control plan for the Noxious Weed department. Bert moved to approve the spraying contract with KDOT and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, he presented the 2023 Management plan for Noxious Weed department for approval. John moved to approve the 2023 Management Plan for Noxious Weed and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last he presented the annual noxious weed eradication progress report for approval. After review, John moved to approve the report as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper presented a merit payroll change for T Libby for approval. After review Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Additionally, she invited them to the event today at noon for a tree planting ceremony for National Arbor Day on the west lawn of the courthouse. Last, she presented reports and minutes of April 17th for signatures.

Jay Schmidt presented a merit payroll change for J West and department change for D Liggett for approval. After review, Bert moved to approve the payroll changes presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last he gave a few updates for road maintenance with the rain we received this week.

During Commissioner discussion Bert requested a 20-minute executive session for the purpose of reviewing applications for potential applicants for the Public Works Supervisor pursuant to the exception; for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Jay Schmidt and County Clerk at 9:25 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 9:45 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51

Kiowa County Commission:

Bert Lowery, Chairman

John Bertram, Commissioner

David White, Commissioner

Attest:

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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