

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

May 1, 2023

Bert Lowery(absent), John Bertram, David White, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jay Schmidt, Jay Wade, Brad Smith, Kendal Lothman, Rhonda Fernandez and Jeff Blackburn attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 4/28/23.

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

Rhonda Fernandez with PIC came to present health insurance quotes from BCBS and IAA for the 2023-2024 premiums. John moved to renew with BCBS with no changes to the plan for \$994,957.68 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Next, she gave them information on Delta Dental and enhancing the preventive services. After some discussion Dave moved to approve the changes with Delta Dental plan and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last she informed them there are no changes to vision care direct and no changes on the basic life & AD&D plan.

Jay Schmidt came to discuss Foley Tractor quote on a new Caterpillar grader with Jay Wade. Brad Smith with Murphy Tractor was present for the continued discussion as well. After some discussion, David moved to approve the quote from Foley and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last Jay informed them that he didn't receive a bid on the M St. chip seal and so he will rebid that project and have that ready for the next meeting.

Break till 10:04

Kendal Lothman presented a merit payroll change for R Smith for approval. After review, David moved to approve the change as presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper and other county supervisors came to discuss holding an employee recognition luncheon on June 16th at the Community Center where they will have a pizza, door prizes and recognition for tenure employees. She explained that they have discussed this at their department meetings and that the cost of the event would be paid out of each departments budgets and would be around \$25 per employee. They requested for approval to close at noon that day so all employees can attend this event. After some discussion, it was tabled till the next meeting when Bert would be present.

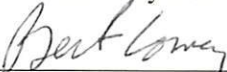
presented minutes of April 28th for signatures and the next meeting will be May 15th.

During Commissioner discussion John moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for the purpose of reviewing application for protentional applicants for public works supervisor pursuant to the exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for protecting the applicant's privacy and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 10:41 with no action taken.


Chay Howard gave a few updates on Hinkle Law and tax sale.

Meeting adjourned 10:49

Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman



John Bertram, Vice-Chairman



David White, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk