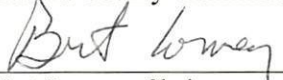


Kristi Cooper with other county supervisors came back to revisit the discussion regarding holding an employee recognition luncheon on June 16th for all County employees at noon at the community center and informed him what they all were going to do for the employees since this was discussed at the last meeting in his absence and that the discussion was tabled till he was present. After some discussion Bert moved to approve to close the courthouse on June 16th at noon for the employee luncheon and John seconded, motion passed 2-1 (Dave opposed). Payroll reports and Account payroll reports and minutes of May 1st and May 11th were presented for signatures.

Chay Howard requested a 5-minute execution for attorney consultation. Bert moved to recess for 5 minutes for the purpose of consultation with County Attorney regarding pending litigation pursuant to the exception for consultation with our attorney under the attorney client privilege exemption at 11:45 and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 11:50 with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned 11:51

Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman



John Bertram, Commissioner



David White, Commissioner

Attest: 

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

May 15, 2023

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

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 5/1/23 & 5/11/23.

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, the motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt presented sealed bids from Heft and Sons for the South Mullinville blacktop sand seal for \$323,840. Dave moved to accept, and John seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Next, he presented the next bid for the chip seal on M St for approval. After review Bert moved to accept the bid in the amount of \$166,496 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. He then presented payroll changes for approval for C Erickson and D Liggett. After the review Bert moved to approve them as presented and John seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Next, he gave updates which included grader lease with Foley. Last he requested a 10-minute executive session. Bert moved to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of employee relation pursuant to the exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 9:24 and John seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 9:34 with no action taken.

Break called till 9:53

James Kristolick with IDEA Tek came to give updates on a rural broadband project for Kiowa County. Currently they have service in the south side of the county and are looking to branch out more. So, he requests a letter of support for their project as they move forward with grants through the State. He did add that there would need to be a contribution from the County as they move forward. After some discussion they tabled this until they found out more information on the coverage that Haviland Telco covers for Kiowa County.

Julie Lyon came to present information on renovation program, paint program, façade program and housing development incentive program through the Economic Development for Kiowa County. Also, she introduced a broadband strategic plan that she is still working on that could help IDEA Tek, so she will work with them once it has been approved. Last she gave some information on childcare in need data.

John Bertram moved that we recess to executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose for the discussion with applicant for public works supervisor position to protect the privacy of the applicant pursuant to the except for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 10:50 and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 11:00 with no action taken. John moved to go back into an extended session for the same purpose for 10 minutes and Dave seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 11:12 with no action taken. John moved to approve the payroll change for Alan Hadley as a light equipment operator temporarily and Dave seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Matt came to discuss ARPA fund spending on housing development and provided information on a new MIH grant program through the state and presented a resolution for them to review for the next meeting.

Kendal Lothman came to present payroll changes for B Parkin(job reclassification), S Woodsmall(shift differential), P Capansky(merit), S McQueen (shift differential) and R Smith(job classification) for approval. After reviewing the changes presented, Bert moved to approve and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.