

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

June 5, 2023

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, David White, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jeff Blackburn, Jay Schmidt, Alan Hadley, Nadine West, Mary Jane Dowler, Julie Lyon, Diane Thompson and Matt Christenson attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 5/31/23.

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, the motion passed unanimously.

Jay Schmidt presented the annual bridge inspection reports for their review. He informed them on the ones they are going to be working on. Last he gave road maintenance updates, and he informed that the road that was discussed at the last meeting is not a minimum maintenance road and that it will stay an open road and that they will be maintaining it more moving forward as they do on other open roads.

Nadine West came to present the 2024 Arrowhead West budget request and presented there annal reports for their review.

Mary Jane Dowler came to present the 2024 Iroquois Center Human Development budget and gave some updates on the program.

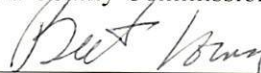
Julie Lyon came to discuss the Broadband Strategic Plan infrastructure program through Economic Development Foundation and informed them that the \$50,000 would be set aside for those programs. Diane Thompson came to give additional information on the questions they were asking. After some discussion John moved to sign the letter of support for the Broadband Strategic program and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

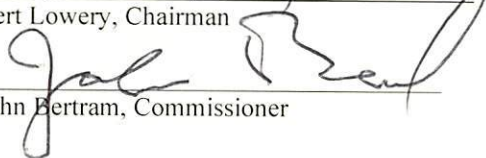
Kristi Cooper presented the minutes of May 31<sup>st</sup> for signatures and informed that the employee open enrollment tomorrow.

David White asked Matt Christenson to come be part of the conversation on streaming the meetings to other online avenues such as YouTube. After some discussion it be by consensus to leave it how they have been streaming them to Facebook only. Next, he wanted to discuss reviewing vouchers process and asks why they need to review them if they cannot deny them and Kristi explained the purchase procurement policy and how they process them and why it is important for them to review. After some discussion it was by consensus to leave the process as it has been. Last he wanted to inform them that when they are reviewing budget requests at the budget workshop that he isn't in favor of increasing the levy for next years budgets.

Meeting adjourn 10:51

Kiowa County Commission:

  
Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
John Bertram, Commissioner

Attest:  
  
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

David White, Commissioner

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