Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting August 7, 2023

Bert Lowery, John Bertram, David White, Kristi Cooper, Jeff Blackburn, Alan Hadley, Jason West and Kerri Ulrich attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 7/31/23.

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

Alan Hadley came to give public works department updates which included, service truck proposal updates, railroad crossing discussion revisited to inform John in his absence and landfill fees with Jason West.

Bert adjourned the regular meeting and called the Board of Health (BOH) meeting at 9:52. Kerri came to discuss a workforce development grant up to \$72,575.75 to be used to help to create a workforce in their department. Bert adjourned the BOH and called the meeting at 9:59. Kerri presented the grant for approval. After review John moved to approve the workforce development grant application to the KS dept of health and environment for \$72,575.75 and David seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Hadley and Chay Howard presented information on the road closing beginning at the east line of 19th Ave and R St in Kiowa county, thence proceeding east 2660 feet on on R St and 19th Ave. John moved to hold a public hearing on September 5th at 9:05 with the intent to close the portion of road and Dave seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper presented the minutes of July 31st for signatures. Next, she presented a merit payroll change for K Zenger for review in the appraisers absence. After some discussion on the payroll change and discussion on the wages for the office manager in the County Attorney's office. John moved to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing employee matters in the County Attorney's office pursuant to the exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Chay Howard from 10:21 until 10:31 and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Regular session began at 10:31 with no action taken. After some further discussion, Bert moved to approve the merit payroll change as presented and John seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

During commissioner discussion John asked to discuss a fence viewing request he had received and the clerk with get the form sent to the plaintiff and Chay will look into the procedures for holding the viewing once we receive it back completed.

Meeting adjourn 10:57

Kiowa County Commission:

Bert Lowery, Chairman

John Bertram, Commissioner

David White, Commissioner

Attest;

Kristi Cooper County Clerk