

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

July 31, 2023

Bert Lowery, David White, Kristi Cooper, Chay Howard, Jeff Blackburn, Diane Thompson, Alan Hadley, Kendal Lothman and Brenda Osborne attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 7/17/23.

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 Bert seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Diane Thompson with Haviland Broadband came to discuss the existing grant they applied for and informed them they didn't receive the grant but that they are working on getting a new LINC grant for the same project located north of the county line and Wilmore that would serve 15 to 16 homes. She presented a letter of support. After reviewing the letter of support Dave moved to approve the broadband development support letter for the LINC grant proposal and Bert seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Kendal Lothman came to present a payroll change for M Gwin(separation) and A Sutton(merit) for approval. After reviewing the payroll changes presented, David moved to approve the changes as presented and Bert seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Osborne came to present a merit payroll change for C Clark. After reviewing the payroll change Bert moved to approve the change as presented and David seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

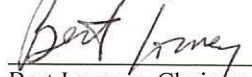
Kristi Cooper presented a merit payroll change for M Moore in the appraiser's absence. Bert moved to approve the change as presented and David seconded, the motion passed unanimously. minutes of July 17, payroll reports and accounts payable reports for signatures. Next, she presented a audit service agreement with Lewis, Hooper and Dick, LCC for review and approval. After reviewing the agreements presented, Bert moved to approve the agreements and David seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Last she presented the minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup>, accounts payable and payroll reports for signatures.

Alan Hadley came to discuss the current job descriptions for the administrative assistant for public works. After some discussion and reviewing the changes to the job descriptions, he presented a reclassification payroll change for C Pyatt for approval. David moved to approve the payroll change as presented and Bert seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Next, he presented purchase letters for low water crossing project 7.0 miles north of Greensburg on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave on the east and west side of the road (tract no 049-032-09-0-00-00-002). David moved to approve the offer letter in the amount of \$610 for .332 acres on the West side of the road and \$150 for .127 acres on the east side of the road and Bert seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Next, he gave updates on the railroad crossing west of Haviland and explained that the county would need to earmarked funds in the amount of \$25,000 for them to come out to access the crossing for the planning/decision making and that they would need to enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad prior to any work being done. Alan informed them that he is looking into grants to help pay for this project and that he will report back when he has more information. Then he presented quotes on a service truck with lift to replace the current international service truck they have. After some discussion it was tabled till he could get more information. Last he wanted to visit the discussion on landfill fees for dumping shingles. After some discussion it was tabled till more information was available with John being present.

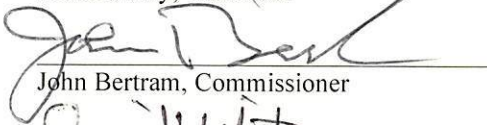
Kristi presented a revised pay plan to include the changes made for the public works administrative assistant. After reviewing the plan, David moved to approve the changes to the County Plan as presented and Bert seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36

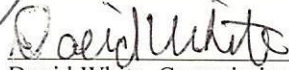
Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman



John Bertram, Commissioner



David White, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk