

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

September 29, 2023

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Friday, September 29, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Vice Chairman John Bertram, Commissioner David White County Counselor Chay Howard, County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 9/18/23.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00 am. John moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and David seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Pat Jansen, County Fair board president came to give some updates on what they did on the barn with the increase of funding they received for fans and wash bay extension. Next, he presented some information on the Water Protection Association of Central KS (WATER PACK) that is made up of members from Pratt, Stafford, Edwards, Pawnee, Barton and Kiowa County. He informed them of what they are working on and how they are trying to make changes to the possible reductions on the farmers for water rights. David informed him that the County has an agreement with KNRC and that they are actively working on this as well.

Matt Christenson came to inform them they received approval for the Local Safety and Security Equipment Grant program for the radio equipment for the Sheriff Office. They were awarded \$76,400 and that the County portion will be \$19,100. A document for the approval of funds was presented for review. Chay will review the document and Matt will come back on Monday for approval.

Theron McKinney came back to present additional bids for purchasing 60 wildfire coats for the 3 departments that was discussed at the last meeting. Bids presented were from Delta Fire and Safety, Jerry Ingram Fire and Rescue and Casco Industries. After reviewing the quotes. John moved to approve the bid from Delta Fire and Safety to purchase 60 coats at \$323.11 and David seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Break was called till 9:45

Krista Amaro came to present payroll changes for S Beltz(merit), S Woodsmall(shift differential) and S McQueen(probational period) for approval. After reviewing the changes, David moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, motion carried 2-0

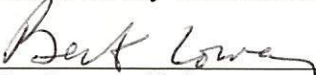
Rick Sherer came to discuss the bridge project east of Mullinville and informed them that he has been talking with the public relations about scheduling another meeting with the engineers again and will be in contact if they schedule another meeting in Mullinville. In the meantime, David will reach out to our State Representative Mr. Hoffman and State Senator Mrs. Straub for support.

Brenda Osborne presented a payroll change for M Brown (merit) for approval. After reviewing the change as presented, David moved to approve the payroll change presented and John seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Kristi Cooper presented a merit payroll change for S Tuttle for approval. After reviewing the change presented, David moved to approve the payroll change as presented and John seconded, motion carried 2-0. Next, she presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and minutes for September 18th for signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32

Kiowa County Commission:



Bert Lowery, Chairman

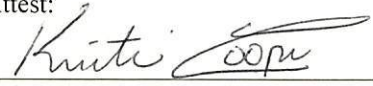


John Bertram, Commissioner



David White, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk