

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

October 31, 2023

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Chairman Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman John Bertram, Commissioner David White, County Counselor Chay Howard and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 10/16/23.

After the prayer was given and a 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, motion passed unanimously.

Alan Hadley presented payroll changes for S Underwood (new hire) and L Thronesbery (separation) for review. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Cooper presented quotes for repairs for the lift station at the fairgrounds. Quotes presented were from 7L plumbing for \$20,500 to replace just the 2 pumps, InterGreen Services to replace everything except tanks for \$45,375, duplex panel and pumps only for \$38,375 and Stewart Plumbing to replace everything including the tank for \$109,000. After some discussion they requested a bid to replace the chains as well from 7L Plumbing. Kristi will call Jason and get a quote and bring this to the next meeting. Last she presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and minutes for October 16<sup>th</sup> for signatures.

Kendal Lothman presented a shift differential payroll change for R Smith for approval. After review David moved to approve the change as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he discussed the collection of finger printing fees through the court to go into his fund instead of the general. He explained once the SO came out of the general fund that those fees were never changed to go back into their fund and after talking with the auditors, they agreed that they should go back. After some discussion John moved to allow the transfer of fees from the General fund for finger printing fees go back into the Sheriff fund and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Alan Hadley presented the low water crossing for 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and presented quotes from Reece Construction in the amount of \$265,593.91 and L&M Construction in the amount of \$204,400.50. David moved to accept L&M Construction bid and John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next the discussed traffic control bid from L&M Construction for \$3960. Bert moved to approve the bid for traffic control and John seconded motion carried 3-0.

Chay presented the order for the fence viewing that will be filed in the ROD office. After viewing the order Bert moved to approve the order as the fence viewers for N/2 NW/4 for 17-27-17 to be filed in the Register of Deeds office the John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10  
Kiowa County Commission:

  
Bert Lowery, Chairman

  
John Bertram, Commissioner

  
David White, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk