

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

December 4, 2023

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 4, 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 and Commissioner minutes of 11/30/23.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, Bert Lowery opened the meeting at 9:00 am. David moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Alan Hadley didn't have anything to report other than he will be attending KAC this week in Wichita and that the crew will catch up on the grading this week.

Morgan Allison came to discuss a board member resignation Aaron Webb and informed them she has 4 names for them to consider filling the vacancy, such as Carolyn Irvin, John Taylor, Dick Senst and Mandi Gilchrist. After some discussion Bert moved to appoint John Taylor and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

David White came to discuss the renewal lease of the tower. He wanted it on record that he was offered \$500 for the new monthly lease payments and that he didn't request an increase. He explained the conversation that Ray Stegman and he had over the new lease agreement. Next, he suggested some revisions to the board on the lease. Chay informed them that if they would like to discuss this with him that they could go into executive session once he has the copy of the lease agreement. Discussion was tabled till Chay returns with the lease agreement.

Diane Thompson with Haviland Broadband and Julie Lyon came to give updates on the Fiber Infrastructure Grant for Kiowa County that was granted and how the project was moving forward. After she gave updates, she informed them that she will return with more details as the project continues to progress in the county.

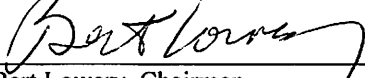
Break called till 9:40

Kristi Cooper presented the minutes of November 30th for signatures.

Bert moved that we recess to executive session for 15 minutes for purpose of legal advice on the renewal of tower lease pursuant to the exception for consultation with our attorney under the attorney client privilege exemption with Chay Howard and Kristi Cooper from 9:45 until 10:00 and John seconded motion carried 2-0. Regular session began at 10:00 with no action taken. David White was informed that Chay will be in contact with his attorney regarding the lease agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04

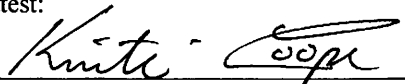
Kiowa County Commission:


Bert Lowery, Chairman


John Bertram, Commissioner


David White, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk