

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

January 16, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Chairman John Bertram, Vice-Chairman David White, Commissioner Bert Lowery and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 01/16/24.

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

Kristi Cooper came to ask for board member appointments for the Kiowa County Senior Citizen board. The names that were suggested by the director are Chris Ballard and Kathy McGee. John moved to approve the appointments and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Chay Howard presented the revised tower land lease for approval and explained the changes that were made from the last approved agreement. After reviewing the changes to the lease Bert moved to approve the new revised lease agreement and John seconded, the motion passed 2-0 (Dave sustained). Next, he presented Resolution 2024-4 proceedings to declare certain roads or parts of roads in KW CO KS minimum maintenance roads for approval. Alan explained that all 33 roads listed have been treated as such but was unable to locate any records of them being marked as minimum maintenance. John moved to adopt resolution 2024-4 as presented and to hold a public hearing on February 5th at 9:00 a.m. and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Kerri Ulrich requested a Board of Health meeting. John adjourned the regular meeting and called the BOH to order at 9:13. She gave updates which included November and December information such as client, service and WIC appointment totals, flu, RSV, shingle, COVID vaccines available, working on end of year in the office and end of quarter for grant reporting, health fair preparations and date will be April 20th, WIC and FP in-services planned on January 30th and that the office will be closed so staff can attend, Red Cross shelter training for all staff on February 16th, additional trainings in March and April will keep you posted and looking into setting up interpreter services for our office. John adjourned the BOH meeting at 9:23 and called the regular meeting to order. Last she presented a merit payroll change for N Zadina for approval. After review Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Alan Hadley came to give public works department updates which included road maintenance and snow removal. Next, he presented a new hire payroll change for C Erickson. John moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes, for the purpose of privacy of an employee at public works pursuant to the exception; for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Alan and Kristi from 9:31 until 9:51 and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0. Regular session began 9:51 with no action taken. John moved to approve the payroll change presented and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Kendal Lothman came to present payroll changes for V Gwin (separation) and A Sutton (shift differential). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and John seconded, the motion passed 3-0. David asked about the voucher on a car they paid for and he informed them it was a seizure and they had to pay off the lien to the bank. He advised them they would use it but would eventually sell it.

George Jennings came to visit with them regarding creating a landfill reuse policy and presented a copy for them to review. Discussion was tabled till Chay could review the information.

During Commissioner discussion they revisited the reuse policy and wanted it added to the next meeting agenda and to include Chay Howard, Alan Hadley and Jason West before they make any decisions. Next Bert wanted to discuss who will make the voucher on the tower lease and Kristi informed them that the Sheriff office does and asked if they if they had questions to please reach out to Kendal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21


Kiowa County Commission:



John Bertram, Chairman

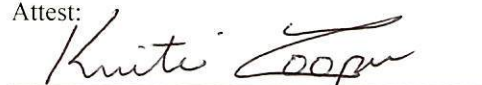


David White, Commissioner



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk