

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

February 5, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday, February 5, 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, County Counselor Chay Howard and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

The consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 1/31/24.

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

John closed the regular meeting and open the public hearing commencing proceedings to declare certain roads or parts of roads in Kiowa County minimum maintenance roads per Resolution 2024-4 for 5 minutes. John closed the public hearing at 9:05 with no public comment.

Alan Hadley and Jason West came to discuss the reuse policy for the landfill from George Jennings. After some discussion it was tabled till Alan hears back from KDHE on more specific information on what they would all have to do to allow this policy.

Chay Howard presented Resolution 2024-5 to declare certain roads or parts of roads in Kiowa County, KS minimum maintenance roads for approval. John moved to adopt resolution 2024-5 as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed 3-0. Next, he asked to set a hearing date for the Solid Waste Management 5-year review for March 4th at 9 a.m. for the publication notice. It was by consensus to set the hearing date for the hearing on March 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Kendal Lothman came to discuss the state contract when purchasing vehicles and requests to allow them to purchase with the state contract only and not to use the county purchase procurement policy since the state contract is who they always use since the quotes are the cheapest. After some discussion John moved to allow the sheriff's office to purchase the vehicles with the state contract only and waive the procurement policy for bids and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0. Next, he requested them to approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango from Davis Moore in the amount of \$44,464 and to be taken out of his special equipment fund. David moved to approve the purchase and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0. Last he informed them that he is working to transform the old storage room on the back of the building into a holding room that would be used for multiple purposes and gave examples. He is working on getting grants to help pay for the project and working on support letters from the surrounding counties that would utilize the room as well.

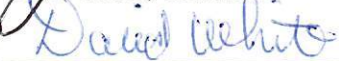
During the Commissioner discussion Dave informed them the land lease has been signed and they discussed their participation with KNRC regarding the Quivira Water Rights impairment issues.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23

Kiowa County Commission:



John Bertram, Chairman



David White, Commissioner



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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