

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

April 1, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 1, 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.

The consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of March 28, 2024.

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.

Alan Hadley informed them he didn't have much to update on but gave a few updates regarding preparing mowing and culvert cleanouts. Also reported an incident that was reported to him by the landowner caused by pulling of a ditch but he told them he would go out and look at the area and come back to report once he completed his inspections.

Matt Christenson came to present some information on some updates to the phones regarding interpretation for the courtroom and that the cost of \$1220 will come out of the Diversion Fund per Chay Howard. John moved to approve the purchase and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, he informed them that he had to make a few changes to the grades in the pay plan for the Sheriff office and presented the revised plan or approval. David moved to approve the revised pay plan with changes and Bert seconded the motion carried 3-0.


Theron McKinney came to request funding from the special equipment fund to help with the purchase of the new truck in the amount of \$30,000. He informed them the cost to build a truck has increased significantly since his budget was set last year. After some discussion Bert moved to approve taking \$30,000 out of the Special Equipment fund of unearmarked funds to go towards the purchase of a new truck and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Clay Parkin presented payroll changes for B Parkin, S Richmond, J Rugg and S McQueen for approval. After reviewing the changes, Bert moved to approve them as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

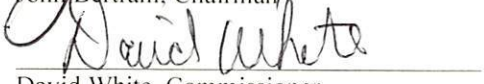
Kristi Cooper came to discuss setting a COLA raise so the departments could include that in their 2025 budget request. After some discussion Bert moved to set the COLA at 3% for the 2025 budget, there was not a second. John moved to set the COLA at 2% for the 2025 budget and David seconded, motion carried 2-1 (Bert opposed). Last she informed them that she put together all the occurred costs and with invoices from the Presidential Preference Primary election in the amount of \$4634.28. She explained that the Secretary of State will reimburse each county that submits their election reimbursement expenses and so presented them a letter to approve the reimbursement to the State. John moved to approve the letter from reimbursement to the Secretary of States office and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04

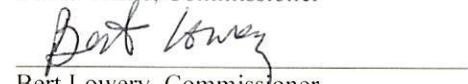
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John Bertram, Chairman

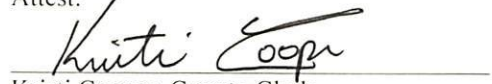


David White, Commissioner



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk