

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

July 1, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 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 June 28, 2024. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda and John seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Alan Hadley came to give public works updates which included road maintenance concerns due to the rain that we received over the weekend and will have to repair several roads and culverts once the water drops down more and grading territory maps that has been requested from the commissioners.

Morgan Allison and Matt Christenson came to continue the discussion of the RHIG grant for the mobile clinic. Matt explained the County would have to file for the grant and pass the funds if approved to the hospital. It was by consensus to move forward with the agreement with the hospital on the RHIG grant.

Kristi Cooper presented a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Kiowa County in absence of Emergency Management. John moved to adopt resolution 2024-8 as presented and David seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Marjorie Thompson came to express concerns on the voting equipment used for County elections and presented a DVD for them to watch at their discretion. She expressed she has no concerns with how the process is done for Kiowa County after watching a pre machine testing and working as an election clerk but has concern over the whole states processes with equipment. She suggests they look into going to a hand count instead of relying on a tabulator. Kristi Cooper, as the County Election Officer informed her that with all the equipment testing, ballot audits and all other procedures that she is confident with all the equipment and procedures she uses for the County Elections and that she doesn't predict changing any of the procedures she has put into place. Her goal as the County Election Officer is to ensure the safety and security of all elections and has proven this with the equipment pre-testing, equipment post-testing and audits ordered by the Kansas Secretary of State after the election.

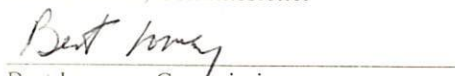
Matt Christenson came to revisit the 2025 County budget discussion. At the last meeting they looked at 84 - 85.5 mills and the RNR mill is 82.246. Kari Kyle, senior center director, Otis Taylo, EMS director, Jewell Glover, Alli Hosheit and Maddi Hansens with the County Extension office all came to discuss the decreases and impacts it would have. Discussion will be continued at the budget workshop at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33

Kiowa County Commission:


John Bertram, Chairman


David White, Commissioner


Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:


Kristi Cooper, County Clerk