

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

August 30, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Friday, August 30, 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, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup>.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, John 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 opened the RNR hearing at 9:00 am and opened it up for public comments for 15 minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt came to ask for classification on the RNR and Kristi explained the process and how the County came up with the levy to exceed to RNR. John closed the RNR hearing at 9:15 and opened the budget hearing for public comments at 9:15. John closed the budget hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 9:30. John moved to adopt Resolution 2024-11 for the County of Kiowa County, KS to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 84.750 mills and Bert seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0. John moved to adopt the 2025 County budget as published to set the County levy at 84.750 mills and the Rural Fire District at 2.658 mills and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Kristi recorded the roll call vote with 3 yes and 0 no. Last Kristi requested them to sign 2 copies of the 2025 budget for their record and she will get these submitted to the Kansas Department of Administration.

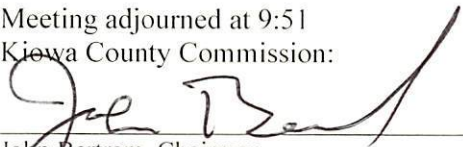
Kerri Ulrich presented Charter Resolution 2024-10 to allow the County Health Officer to opt out of the required annual school inspections for approval. John moved to adopt the Charter Resolution presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last she presented the nursing school contract for Bucklin Schools for approval. Bert moved to approve the contract presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chay Howard presented a conflict waiver from Hinkle Law that represents a third-party creditor that has some involvement in the upcoming tax sale. John moved to approve the conflict waiver for Hinkle Law and Bert seconded motion carried 3-0.

Kendal Lothman presented merit payroll changes for A Sutton and M Tedder for approval. After reviewing the payroll changes Bert moved to approve them as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kristi Cooper presented Payroll reports and Accounts payable reports and minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup> for signatures. Next meeting will be held September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last she reported the courthouse will be closed on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Labor Day holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51  
Kiowa County Commission:

  
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John Bertram, Chairman

  
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David White, Commissioner

  
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Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:  
  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk