Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

July 15, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 15, 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 reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of July 1, 2024.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00 am. David moved to approve the consent agenda with additions as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Dasenbrock and Tiffany O'Rourke with Lewis, Hooper and Dick came to present the audit review and the proposed 2025 budget for the 2025 County budget workshop. After all the information was provided and discussed. Bert moved to publish the County budget for 2025 at 84.750 mills and to publish for the County Fire Department at 2.658 mills for publication and John seconded, motion passed unanimously. The RNR hearing and budget hearing will be held on August 30th at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room at the Courthouse.

Break till 11:16

Kerri Ulrich came to request a Board of Health (BOH). John closed the regular meeting and called BOH to order at 11:16. She gave updates which included June client and service totals, information on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) known as the Bird flu and how it is spread, tick borne illnesses continues to rise in Kansas, completed the Immunization site visit from KDHE, 520 doses of free vaccine distributed in 2023 to uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid children in the amount of \$45,789, getting ready for back to school projects for Kiowa County Schools and school nursing contracts. John adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting to order at 11:26. Kerri presented the school nursing contracts for USD 422 and Valley View School for approval. Bert moved to approve the school nursing agreements presented and John seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chay Howard presented a resolution for a new opioid settlement to participate in against the Kroger and requests to be authorized to executive documents regarding the opioid settlement for Kiowa County. John moved to adopt Resolution 2024-9 as presented and David seconded, the motion passed unanimously. John asked if there're responsible with sewers for county residents. Kristi informed them they needed to get ahold of the County Health Officer for more information.

Kristi presented a corrected payroll change for J Finch merit increase. Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and minutes of July 1st were presented for signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

David White, Commissioner

Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk