

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

October 7, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 7, 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 September 30, 2024.

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

Kerri Ulrich presented a merit payroll change for A Brown for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll change presented and David seconded, motion passed 3-0. Next, they discussed the purchase of flooring with the allocated ARPA funds and presented a quote from Fleener's Furniture in the amount of \$9650.94 for approval. John moved to accept the bid as presented and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Alan Hadley came to give public works updates which included presented a resolution 2020-6 showing that the Wichita St. in Belvidere is still classified as an open road and next they revisited the bids on a new truck and presented one from Midwest Superstore Toyota for \$36,097 and has a better trade in value than the other one presented at the last meeting. After reviewing and discussing the quotes, John moved to approve the quote presented for \$36,097 and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

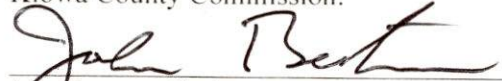
Ray Stegman came to present a quote from Randy Towers Service in the amount of \$9,198.50 to install a new repeater on the Sunflower Electric tower south of Mullinville which includes materials and labor. He requests this be taken half out of the Special Equipment fund for Emergency Management and that he will pay for half now and the remaining balance after it is completed. John moved to approve the bid in the amount of \$9198.50 and to pay half upfront and remaining once the project is completed and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0. Kristi informed them she will run a special AP today so the project can begin and be completed by the end of the year for budgeting purposes. It was by consensus to allow a special AP.

Kendal Lothman presented merit payroll changes for S Richmond, W Werstler and T McQueen for approval. After reviewing the payroll changes presented, Bert moved to approve them as presented and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

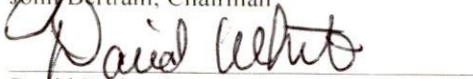
Matt Christenson came to give a break down on ARPA funds expenditures and informed them there had been a few changes along the way that have resulted in a little bit on money that is not yet spoken for and suggests since there is roughly \$30,092 unspoken for that they go ahead and take all of the total for the security updates to the CH out of ARPA funds instead of the Oil and Gas depletion fund like discussed when they allocated the funds. It was by consensus to pay the whole amount to \$92,595 out of the ARPA funds instead of \$70,740. This change will leave close to \$8000 that is unspoken for and Kristi suggests maybe the remaining funds could go towards a used truck for the maintenance department since she has \$25,000 that has been set aside for a truck and the funds would help fill the gap that they may need to get a newer used vehicle. Currently they have a 2002 GMC that was donated to the county after the tornado and would like to get a more reliable work truck. It was by consensus to get quotes by the next meeting and go from there.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07

Kiowa County Commission:



John Bertram, Chairman



David White, Commissioner



Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:



Kristi Cooper, County Clerk