

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

January 21, 2025

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Chairman David White, Vice-Chairman Jill Eller, Commissioner John Bertram and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll reports, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 01/6/25.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, David White opened the meeting at 9:00 am. Jill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kerri Ulrich requested a Board of Health meeting. David adjourned the regular meeting and called the BOH to order at 9:01. She gave updates which included client service totals for December (122 clients and 197 services plus WIC), currently working on the 2nd grant reporting, new medical director will be Dr. Clint Colberg, continued outbreak of Pertussis outbreak in Kansas with 237 cases currently since 2024, Avian flu (H5N1) strains of influenza virus primarily infects birds but can also infect humans, influx of respiratory illness with symptoms of flu, office closed on February 5th for training, NAMI training and preparation for 2025 health fair scheduled April 12th. David adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting to order at 9:10.

Ray Stegman came to discuss ordering radios for EMS for radios for 3 trucks and 1 for nurses' station from First Wireless for 4 radio modules in the amount of \$15,530.31. John moved to purchase 4 radio modules in the amount of \$15,530.31 and take it out of the Emergency Management Special Equipment fund and David seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kendal Lothman presented payroll changes for T McQueen(separation), W Werstler(job classification) and M Woods (job classification) for approval. He also informed them that currently due to staffing in the detention department and that they are not housing prisoners for the time and that they are all prisoners are being housed in a few other County jails. John moved to approve the payroll changes presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. He also reported that after looking at the year-end totals for the 2024 budget that the Sheriff office budget will not end up going over like they suggested at the meeting before. Last he presented a quote for a 2024 1500 SSV Crew cab 4X4 in the amount of \$42,449 and requests that it be taken out of the Sheriff Special Equipment fund. Jill moves to purchase a new truck from Davis Moore and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Alan Hadley and Issac with Kirkham and Micheal came to discuss the contract with them for services for the county landfill design. The original contract was signed on January 17, 2017 and Jill moved to approve the contract presented and David seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Last he gave updates regarding information on the bridge project, overpass project meeting with KDOT, working on grants for radios, low water crossing, road maintenance.

David left the meeting.

Kristi Cooper presented Policy 302 Holiday and 304 Bereavement for review. She explained that at the last couple department meetings they had been discussing the Holiday policy and wanted to reinstate the old policy for Bereavement and explained the changes that were suggested. After some discussion it was tabled till the next meeting to include David on the 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52

Kiowa County Commission:

David White, Chairman

Attest:

Jill Eller, Commissioner

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

John Bertram, Commissioner