

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

November 4, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 4, 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 October 31, 2024.

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

Alan Hadley didn't have a lot to report due to being here on the 31st but added the moisture will help with road grading and still waiting for more information on the scrapper from Foley they are looking to purchase. David asked about road maintenance overlay budgeting and Alan reminded them after talking with Steve Heft that it would be beneficial with the last sand seal has held and that they would do a chip seal in the next few years. They will need to patch some places but that is about all the maintenance that will be done.

Terri Butler came to discuss the Register of Deeds 2024 budget and informed them that it will run close due to making insurance plan changes from a single to family plan within her department. Just wanted them to be aware in case she goes over.

Chay Howard presented a proposed water regulation resolution for them to review and a letter from KNRC to be sent to the KS Wildlife and Fish and Game to request coordinating meetings for all the counties and state efforts for the initiative and see if they would be interested in joining. Bert moves to adopt resolution 2024-13 and John seconded, motion passed 3-0. John moved to support and join the letter to KS Wildlife and Fish game and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Alan Hadley came back and presented payroll changes J Unruh(new hire), J Price(merit) and M Alsbury(merit). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes presented and David seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Kristi Cooper along with all the county supervisors came to present the 2025 County Holidays for approval. After some discussion, John moved to approve the 2025 holidays as presented and David seconded 3-0.

Theron McKinney came to discuss the 6x6 rebuilt engine and working on a tanker for Haviland. And wanted them to be aware and that he is hoping to get this paid out of the 2024 budget.

Kendal Lothman presented a bill from 911 Communications for the setup of the new Durango in the amount of \$12,400 and requested it to be taken out of the Sheriff Special Equipment Reserve fund. After some discussion, Bert moved to approve the invoice presented and to allow this to be taken out of the Sheriff Office Special Equipment Reserve and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08.

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Commissioner

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner