

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

November 18, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 18, 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 November 4th and 12th.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00 am. John requested to hold off approving accounts payable until they could discuss more about a voucher in the amount of \$1899.44 from KS Legislative Policy group for 2025 member dues during Commissioner discussion.

Kerri Ulrich came to request a Board of Health (BOH). John closed the regular meeting and called BOH to order at 9:01. She gave updates which included client service totals for September and October almost 900 services plus WIC in the past two months, Pertussis outbreak in Kansas with 186 cases in children under the age of 10, vaccinations against pertussis, and has requested additional funding for SKCPH FP program in the amount of \$9000 to be shared with the 6 counties in the coalition. John adjourned BOH and called the regular meeting to order. Kerri presented a merit payroll change for T Hatton for approval. David moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Alan Hadley informed that he didn't have much to report other than they will be out grading once the rain sustains and they discussed a few roads with concerns of proper draining and ditch work.

Matt Christenson came to present the resolution for the MIH grant application. David moved to adopt resolution 2024-14 authorizing and directing the county to file an application for the KS housing resources corporation (KHRC) moderate income housing (MIH) grant program and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Kristi Cooper opened the discussion regarding a cost-of-living increase (COLA) for 2025 for all employees. She informed them that allowed the supervisors to budget a 2% COLA for their 2025 County budgets. Also, she asked if they wanted to give the employees a Christmas incentive again this year as they have done in the past. John moved to approve the Christmas incentive for the same as they did last year and Bert seconded, motion passed 3-0. They continued the discussion regarding the COLA increase for 2025, David moved to approve a 2% COLA that was budgeted and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

Kristi presented a new hire payroll change for approval for E Antonelli for the Sheriff office. Bert moved to approve the payroll change as presented and David seconded, motion passed 3-0. David moved to approve the consent agenda with additions as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously

During commissioner discussion Kristi requested they approve accounts payable and payroll reports as presented and that she would hold the check for KS Legislative policy group until they get more information on what services they receive from their membership and will bring it back to the next meeting. David moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Bert seconded, the motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:11
Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Commissioner

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner