

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

November 27, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday, November 27, 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, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of November 18, 2024

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

Kristi Cooper presented information on merit increases for supervisors for 2025. She explained she gave them a few options to review as in a flat rate increase to go along with the pay plan for 40-hour and 45-hour weekly hours and also a percentage base due to several are elected and don't have a set schedule but she broke presented COLA payroll changes for employees for approval. They agreed that the supervisors would receive the flat rate of .70 cents per hour for their weekly hours for the positions. She will complete the merit payroll changes and present them at the end of the meeting with the rest of the payroll changes. Next, she wanted to discuss the resolutions that will be approved in January as in chairman, holidays, depositories, county paper, Rural development program and GAAP insurance requirements. Kristi will get these created and have them ready for the first meeting in January.

Randy Rees with KS Legislative policy group came to discuss the program and what they do for small counties and what the annual membership fee goes toward. Bert moved to approve the voucher in the amount of \$1899.44 to the Kansas Legislature Policy group and John seconded, the motion carried 2-1.

Theron McKinney and Ed Koger came to discuss the water at Belvidere regarding the previous discussions on the county paying for water for the county facility down at Belvidere. Ed explained that back in the day that when the water lines were rain from the well on Anchor D ranch that the agreement was that the county would never have to pay for water and that himself and Dick Robbins paid for the new water lines from the well to the Belvidere and that he would put it into writing. After some discussion it was by consensus to have Chay draw up something for Ed to sign so if this ever came up again in the future that they would have something in writing from someone was part of the original agreement that was made.

Kristi presented merit payroll changes for supervisors and COLA payroll changes for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Commissioner

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner