

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

December 2, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 2, 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 Deputy County Clerk Shelly Tuttle

The consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of November 27, 2024.

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

DJ McMurry came in and requested a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues for non-elected personnel to include the County Commissioners, County Appraiser, DJ McMurry, Deputy Appraiser, Kristy Zenger, and Deputy Clerk, Shelly Tuttle. Bert moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes, David seconded, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:15 with no action taken.

Brenda Rayer with the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital came in for a hospital board member appointment. The recommendations presented were Dick Senst and Karren Couch. After further discussion, Bert moved to appoint Dick Senst on the hospital board, John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Alan Hadley came to give public works updates which included inventory updates, road maintenance, and an update on the scraper.

Chay Howard presented the contribution agreement letter with the Kansas Corn Commission regarding payment for the support of the water initiative. After much discussion, David moved to contribute \$25,000 to the Kansas Corn Commission pursuant to the Contribution agreement, Bert seconded, motion passed 2-1 with John opposing. David moved to approve and execute the Contribution agreement with the Kansas Corn Commission, Bert seconded, motion carried 2-1, with John opposing. David moved to pay for the contribution out of the Commissioner fund, Bert seconded, motion passed 3-0.

During Commissioner discussion Bert brought up the discussion from the previous meeting regarding changing the county paper in resolution 2025-1. Discussion was tabled due to the absence of Kristi and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Commissioner

Shelly Tuttle, Deputy County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner