

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

December 16, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 16, 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 December 2, 2024.

After the pledge of allegiance was recited and prayer given, John Bertram opened the meeting at 9:00 am. David moved to approve the consent agenda with additions as presented and Bert seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Kerri Ulrich came to request a session for the Board of Health (BOH). John closed the regular meeting and called the BOH meeting to order at 9:00. She gave updates which included client services for November, new medical director at the end of the month so will be working to get to contracts updated, new flooring installed, exterior security system installed for new key phubs for entry, The Salvation Army kettle challenge for students at USD 422 students, reportable infectious disease statistics information presented for discussion on vaccines, family planning and reproductive grant approved with additional funds for the coalition, starting to prep for the 2025 Health Fair. John asked if she was aware of the sewer concerns down in Belvidere and she informed them that she was aware and had been in contact with mentioned parties. John adjourned the BOH and called the regular meeting to order at 9:14.

Alan Hadley presented a retirement/separation payroll change for D Liggett for approval and added that he has not hired for the position but has ads currently running and hoping to hire at the beginning of March before sending them to school. John moved to approve the payroll change as presented and Bert seconded, the motion carried 3-0. He gave public works departments updates such as there is an area meeting with KDOT on the overpass project on January 8<sup>th</sup> that will attend, bridge inspections will be after the first year and gave a few road maintenance updates.

Matt Christenson came to request an end of year transfer to his special equipment fund in the amount of \$10,000. Bert moved to approve the year end transfer to the special equipment fund for IT and John seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Cheyenne Fierro came to invite the Commissioners to an employee luncheon for Christmas on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 at the Courthouse.

Kristi Cooper presented separation payroll change for A Sutton and shift differential for E Antonelli for approval in Kendall's absence. John moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, they discussed setting the county paper for 2025. After some discussion it was by consensus to set the county paper to the Tri-County Newspaper but will still use the Merchant Directory for advertising and non-required publications. Kristi will prepare the resolution for the first meeting in January. She will contact Paul to let him know of the change after it has been set on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Break called till 10:09.

Rhonda Fernandez came to give information on where they are setting at 6 months with BCBS claims and reported they are sitting a little less than they did this time last year which is great. She will be back in March to give 3 quarters totals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46

Kiowa County Commission:

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John Bertram, Chairman

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David White, Commissioner

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Bert Lowery, Commissioner

Attest:

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk