

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

December 30, 2024

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 30, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Chairman John Bertram(absent), 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

After the pledge of allegiance was recited, David opened the meeting at 9:00. Bert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and David seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Brian Lawrence with Kiowa County Ambulance Department came to request to transfer \$20,000 to his special equipment fund that currently has a balance of \$115,166.51 to go towards the purchase of the new ambulance with the cost of \$257,640. Bert moved to approve the year end transfer to his special equipment fund and David seconded, motion carried 2-0. Last he gave run and transfer totals for 2024 and informed them that he will be increasing the billable mileage rate from \$16 to \$20 in 2025.

Matt Christenson came to request a year end budget transfer for Emergency Management in the amount of \$10,000 to the special equipment fund that will go towards making improvements to the communication systems in the near future. David moved to approve the transfer and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Kendal Lothman came to present payroll changes for A. Adams(separation), B Floro(position reclassification) & C Parkin(merit) for approval. Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and David seconded, motion passed 2-0. Last he informed them due to the underfunded amount for insurance and increase payroll taxes for 2024 that he will be over budget by \$70,000. Matt has been able to find expenses paid out of the special equipment fund for the Sheriff office in the amount of \$17,499.63 and requests them to approve the transfer to his regular budget to help offset the overage. Bert moved to approve a transfer from special equipment to the Sheriff's office budget in the amount of \$17,499.63 and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Once they have a more accurate figure for the remaining total, Matt suggests it be taken out of the contingency line under General Fund since they are not able to amend his budget due to the lack of time before the end of year. Matt will report back on this at the next meeting.

Kristi Cooper presented the following payroll changes for approval A Taylor(merit), R Lothman(merit), C Erickson(merit) and B Lowery(separation). Bert moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and David seconded, motion carried 2-0. She presented year end transfers for the following budgets, County Clerk \$5000, County Elections \$5000, Commons \$10,000 and Community Center \$10,000 to their separate special equipment funds to go towards to purchasing or upgrading equipment. David moved to approve the transfers as stated and Bert seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43.

Kiowa County Commission:

John Bertram, Chairman

Attest:

David White, Commissioner

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

Bert Lowery, Commissioner