

## Kiowa County BOCC Meeting October 28, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on October 28, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Robertson opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in Attendance: Donald Oswald, Chairman by Video Conference  
Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner  
Mike Lening, Commissioner  
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk  
Tina Adamson, County Administrator

**Minutes:** Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to approve the October 14, 2021. minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Vouchers:** Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** Oswald moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

9:30 a.m.: **Kiowa County Treasurer, Diana Flory; and Dawna Peck, County Financial Officer;** entered the meeting to review the recent changes to the banking accounts. They both reported things were going very well. They thanked the BOCC and exited the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

**Grant Updates:** Cindy Mcloud, KCEDF Manager; provided information on the tax credits for the Murdock Building. We will be receiving more than what was expected. Mcloud exited the meeting at 09:57.

**Oswald discussed temporary office space** for the Ambulance Services. Oswald suggested they visit with EMS Director, Eunice Weber; to see if the previous senior center would work as a temporary office.

**Weisbrod Hospital: Craig Kerfoot, Kiowa County Hospital Board Chairman** entered the meeting at 10:21 a.m. to provide an update due to recent activity on the hospital. He reported that CEO, Char Korrell; and Brenda Smith, Medical Clinic Manager has resigned. Pathways will be here the week of November 8th to take over the hospital administration and try to improve services for Kiowa County and surrounding areas.

Kerfoot also asked for discussion on the ambulance service. Kerfoot said there was some conflict between the previous leaders at the hospital and the ambulance director. He believes communication between the two entities will be much better. It was agreed the County and the Hospital needed to visit with Weber in regards to office space for the Emergency Services. The BOCC will also 'reserve time to review the Service Agreement between the County and Hospital District for the Ambulance Service. Kerfoot exited the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

**COVID-19 Update:** Lening moved to approve the COVID -19 employee policy as presented and Robertson seconded the motion to approve. There was lengthy discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Robertson - Yes, Lening-Yes and Oswald - Yes.

**SCEDD Housing Project Update:** Everything is moving forward as scheduled.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Meetings and reports were reviewed and signed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**District Attorney Letter:** Lening moved to sign the one time letter for an irrevocable written election of authorization in regards to PERA's Benefit plan or defined contribution plan for the Assistant District Attorney. Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried

**T-Mobile Request:** T-Mobile is requesting to locate the DTR TOWER in Sheridan Lake. Everyone involved is waiting to hear from the State to see if they will approve. No action taken.

Oswald moved to recess for lunch and Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:37 a.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**Executive Session: 1:15 p.m.** Lening moved, and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into Executive Session, per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b) (f) legal issues. Robertson moved, and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the executive session and move back into regular session at 1:51 p.m. Motion carried.

**Lucas Buseck, Senior Developer for Orsted;** met with the BOCC to introduce himself and advise Orsted is interested in Energy Development in Kiowa County. Buseck explained that they have leased property in the southeast corner of Kiowa County and in the very near future Orsted hopes to have two met tower projects underway in the Haswell area. Mr. Buseck said they hope to be fully operational by 2025. Buseck thanked the BOCC for their time and exited the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

**Chairman Oswald discussed the 15 passenger van** that the county owns. Oswald said the van has not been used in a long while and would like to consider donating this passenger van to Southeast Transit and the long Chevy van try to sell it to Crowley County. Robertson moved to donate the 15 passenger van to SE Transit and the sell the long Chevy van for \$1,000.00 to Crowley County; Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lening moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. Robertson second the motion. Motion carried.

County Clerk  
Chairman