

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

## April 6, 2026

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 6, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Chairman Jill Eller, Vice-Chairman John Bertram, Commissioner David White, County Counselor Chay Howard and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

Consent agenda included: Agenda and Commissioner minutes of 3/31/26.

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

Kristi Cooper presented minutes for March 31<sup>st</sup> for signatures.

Brian Lawrence came to discuss ambulance repairs and requested to pay for the repairs in the amount of \$2816.76 from the Special Equipment fund to JD Auto Service for fuel pump repairs and mounting tires, also to Kiowa County Sheriff to repay for tires that he purchased in the amount of 561.90. It was by consensus to take the 3 bills of his special equipment fund for County Ambulance. He also let them know that he submitted the grant application to help with the purchase of the new ambulance.

John Riggins and Steven Rose with Kirkham, Michael & Associates Inc. presented 3 bids for overlay and chat seal on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave starting at the intersection of V St south of Mullinville thence north to the intersection of Q% St with a total length is approximately 4.9 miles with a 1.5” HMA overlay and on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave starting at the south R/W of US-54 thence south to Kc K St on S Main in Greensburg continuing on S Main St north to Scott Ave thence west on Scott Ave to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave continuing south on 29<sup>th</sup> Ave to KC K St with a total length is approximately 7.2 miles with a 1.0” asphalt leveling course and chat seal from Heft & Sons LLC, APAC-Kansas Inc(Wichita) and engineer’s estimate. Jill moved to approve the bid from Heft and Sons in the amount of \$1,655,968.50 for project Kiowa County 2026 HMA & Chat Seal and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0. Jill moved to approve the agreement for Engineering services with Kirkham, Michael & Associates Inc not to exceed \$91,479.60 and John seconded, the motion passed 3-0. John presented the Notice of Award document for signature. Next, Alan gave public works department updates which included Federal Fund Exchange funds in the amount of \$71,856.03 from the Kansas Department of Transportation, KWORCC inspection minimal findings and have been corrected and potential lease on a 2026 Caterpillar Excavator with Foley.

Commissioner discussion they continued the discussion on the underground gas storage, possible tax structure for IRB, pilot agreement and zoning.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39

Kiowa County Commission:

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Jill Eller, Chairman

Attest:

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John Bertram, Commissioner

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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

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David White, Commissioner