

# Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

April 30, 2026

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, April 30, 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 and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Tuttle.

The consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports and Commissioner minutes of 4/20/2026.

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

Matt Christenson came to discuss implementing an AI Policy. He explained the benefits and reasons to have an AI Policy in place and asked the County Commissioners to review what he had written up and discuss further at a future meeting. Matt also asked the County Commissioners to make some additional transfers out of the 2025 budget. John moved to transfer \$10,000 from the 2025 Noxious Weed cash balance fund to the Noxious Weed Equipment Fund, \$30,000 from the 2025 Rural Fire District cash balance fund to the Rural Fire District Equipment Fund, \$75,000 from the 2025 General Cash balance fund to the Landfill Closure Fund and \$75,000 from the 2025 General Cash balance fund to the Building fund, David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Last Matt and the County Commissioners discussed the a few more changes to the County pay plan. Matt will make the suggested changes bring it back to a future meeting.

Alan Hadley came with the amended offer to purchase real property for use as a right-of-way. Jill moved to approve the amended offer to purchase real property for use as a right-of-way with Curtis Enterprises, David seconded, the motion carried 3-0. Alan presented a lease to purchase agreement for a new road grader. Jill moved to approve the lease to purchase agreement for a 140 Caterpillar motor grader from Foley in the amount of \$399,849.37 with 7 payments of \$54,997.14, John seconded the motion carried 3-0. Next, Alan presented a lease to purchase agreement for a new excavator. Jill moved to lease to purchase a Caterpillar 309 excavator from Foley in the amount of \$170,965.51 with 7 payments of \$28,214.02, John seconded, motion carried 3-0. Alan asked for a 10-minute executive session to discuss employee relations. Jill moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of a personnel issue with a Road and Bridge employee pursuant to the exception of personnel matters of non-elected personnel beginning at 10:38, John seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. At 10:48 the County Commissioners went back into regular session with no action taken. Alan presented the following payroll changes T Brozek (termination) and K Davis (merit) for approval. Jill moved to approve the payroll changes as presented and David seconded, motion carried 3-0. Alan presented the federal funds exchange request documents for approval. John moved to approve the request to approve federal funds, David seconded, the motion carried 3-0. Alan let the County Commissioners know that he will be attending the KCHA Conference in Hutchinson next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He also let the County Commissioners know that they have started mowing. They also discussed a complaint from a patron with no action taken.

During Commissioner discussion they continued discussion on the County pay plan and how they were going to handle the non-elected supervisors' pay.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Kiowa County Commission:

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Jill Eller, Chairman

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John Bertram, Commissioner

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David White, Commissioner

Attest:

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Shelly Tuttle, Deputy County Clerk