

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting

January 30, 2026

The Kiowa County Commissioners met in regular session Friday, January 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, County Counselor Chay Howard and County Clerk Kristi Cooper.

The consent agenda included: Agenda, Payroll report, Accounts Payable reports, and Commissioner minutes of 1/20/26, 1/26/26 and 1/28/26.

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.

Kristi Cooper presented payroll reports, accounts payable reports and meeting minutes of January 20th , January 26th and January 28th for signatures.

Chole Henderson and Angela Looney with the County Museum came to give year end updates from 2005 that included raffles and specials.

Kendal Lothman came to inform the commissioners that the jail is temporarily closed due to staffing and that inmates are being housed at other facilities. Last he informed them that he is looking at installing a mini split in the booking room in the jail and presented a bid from InteGreen Services in the amount of \$8295. He asked them to be exempt from getting 3 bids from our procurement policy due to this company already servicing other units. The cost will be coming out of the inmate trust fund that will be moved to the building fund. John moved to approve and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

During Commissioner discussion they talked about the landfill building and progress on the new cell, public meeting on January 28th. Last Matt presented a letter of opposition to Kansas HB 2322 to the Kansas House Taxation Committee for the Commissioners to review. After reviewing the letter, John moved to approve and David seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:44

Kiowa County Commission:

Jill Eller, Chairman

Attest:

John Bertram, Commissioner

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk

David White, Commissioner