

The Regular meeting of the Kiowa County Commissioners was called to order on December 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Donald Oswald. Oswald opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in Attendance:

Donald Oswald, Chairman
Howard "Butch" Robertson, Commissioner
Mike Lening, Commissioner
Delisa Weeks, County Clerk
Tina Adamson, County Administrator

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Oswald seconded the motion to approve the agenda with one addition. New Business: Roads. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Updates: Administrator Adamson has completed the SECOG Mini Grants. The Underfunded Courthouse Grant was awarded in the amount of \$18,800.00 but we will need to modify our request from construction to master planning.

Adamson is still waiting on a Certificate of Occupancy for the new Senior Center.

Audience: Deb Lening entered the meeting at 09:55 a.m.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for the Oath of Office for Mike Lening at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried. County Judge, Gary Davis swore in Commissioner Lening by video conference. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to move back into regular session at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried. Deb Lening exited the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Landfill & Recycling Update: Adamson will ask Scranton to come to the next meeting to give an update as to how much waste has been brought into the landfill for 2020.

Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the Budget Hearing at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

With no public attendance, Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing and move back into regular session at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Lening moved and Robertson seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 to set the Mill Levies to help defray costs for the 2020 year. Motion carried.

Robertson moved to adopt Resolution 2020-06, to Appropriate Sums of Money for the various funds. Lening seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lening moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting and move into the Board of Health meeting at 10:32 a.m. Motion carried.

Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting and move back into regular session at 11:08 a.m. Motion carried.

Dennis Pearson, Director of Social Services; entered the meeting by video conferencing at 11:11 a.m. to discuss the working schedule he has for his office. His employees are working from home part time and the other half is in office.

Approximately 35 children will be receiving gifts from the Fanny Murdock Project. There will be several families receiving food baskets for the holidays.

Pearson discussed the yearly merit system that the county had opted out of, but as a state funded entity his office still had to report on the merit System. This report shows that the Kiowa County Social Services employees are being paid a comparable salary as to other State employees in social work. Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to sign the Merit System Agreement for the State. Motion carried.

COVID -19 Update: Oswald said the COVID uptick is of great concern. The Commissioners all agreed that the Merry on Maine event should be canceled due to the increased number of positive cases of COVID in Kiowa County. Oswald will prepare a statement for the Merry on Maine Group to let them know of the BOCC concerns.

Oswald moved and Robertson seconded the motion to recess for lunch at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Michael Yerman with SCEDD, entered the meeting by video conferencing at 1:30 p.m. Yerman suggested setting up a GOCO zoom meeting to discuss the three main projects the County would like to see completed with GOCO Funds. Yerman will prepare a letter for the Commissioners to sign off on. In this letter he will explain the projects that are of interest to the County which includes the fairground bleachers, an OHV track and campsites at the Great Plains Reservoirs. Mr. Yerman ended the phone call at 1:50 p.m.

Ambulance Service Update: Shannon Dixon, Chief Financial Officer for Weisbrod; provided an audit trail report for the last three years. Adamson is checking around with different counties to see what processes they must go through for billing in regards to the ambulance service.

Roads: Commissioner Lening had received a phone call of concern over the grading of the roads at this time when the ground is so dry which in turn causes the ditches to start blowing. Discussion followed. Lening will contact the county resident with further information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Meeting and Reports: Reports and Meeting were reviewed and signed.

Kiowa County Treasurer, Diana Flory; entered the meeting to discuss the Administrative Fee on real estate and mineral property taxes under ten dollar from \$2.00 dollars to \$5.00 per Colorado State Statute. Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to approve the fee increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Chairman Oswald called for a roll call vote: Robertson – Yes, Lening -Yes, and Oswald – Yes. Motion carried.

2021 Annual Operating Plan: Fire Prevention & Control Plan: Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to sign the 2021 Annual Operating Plan, which includes the six surrounding counties. This would be to assist in mutual aid to these counties. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be December 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

With no other items to discuss, Robertson moved and Lening seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Kiowa County Clerk

Chairman

COUNTY OF KIOWA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF KIOWA, COLORADO, ENTERING INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PM AND SONS ENTERPRISES, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM USDA AND COLORADO TO PAY ALL OR PART OF THE PURCHASE AND RENOVATION OF PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the County of Kiowa desires to acquire and renovate property suitable to house emergency services vehicles, as well as provide some office space consistent with this need; and,

WHEREAS, there is a suitable building owned by PM and Sons Enterprises, LLC located at 703 Wansted Street in Eads; and,

WHEREAS, the Southern Colorado Economic Development District has offered to assist the county in securing grants and/or loans to reduce the cost to the taxpayers of Kiowa County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF KIOWA, COLORADO THAT:

1. The COMMISSIONERS incorporate the foregoing recitals as its conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings.

2. The COMMISSIONERS authorize the attached purchase agreement with PM AND SONS, ENTERPRISES, LLC.

3. The COMMISSIONERS authorize the county administrator to work with SCEDD to prepare an application with USDA under its Community Facilities grant and loan program, and such application shall be prepared for \$1 in compensation to SCEDD. Such application shall include not only the price for the acquisition of the property, but also the renovation of the facility to make it suitable for the county's need.

4. The COMMISSIONERS direct SCEDD as part of its understanding to explore the possibility of incorporating a CDOT grant as part of a funding package, and to work with SECED and the county administrator to facilitate this.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of December, 2020.

KIOWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Donald Oswald, Chairman

[SEAL]

ATTEST:


Delisa Weeks, Kiowa County Clerk

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2020, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO FOR THE 2021 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the County has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 10, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general operating purposes from property tax revenue is \$1,772,944 and;

WHEREAS, the 2020 valuation for assessment for the County as certified by the County Assessor is \$38,084,440;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO:

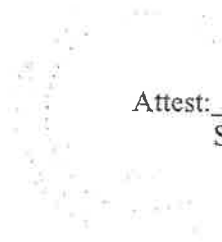
Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the County during the 2021 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 46.553 mill upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the County for the year 2020.

Section 2. That the commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify the mill levy for the County as hereinabove determined and set, but as recalculated as needed upon receipt of the final (December) certification of valuation from the county assessor in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of December, A.D. 2020.

Donald Durand
Signature

Attest: *Delisa J. Weeks*
Signature



RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE 2021 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Kiowa County, Colorado has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 10, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, the Kiowa County, Colorado has made provision therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues and reserves or fund balances provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, thereby establishing a limitation on expenditures for the operations of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenue of each fund, to each fund, for purposes stated:

General Fund	\$3,703,652
Road & Bridge Fund	1,944,483
Social Service Fund	593,700
Capital Expenditure Fund	455,000
Hospital Fund	190,422
Conservation Trust Fund	56,000
Public Health Agency Fund	<u>292,273</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$7,235,530</u>

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of December, A.D., 2020.

Donald Howard
Signature

Attest: [Signature]
Signature



RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2021, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

WHEREAS, Kiowa County, Colorado has appointed Tina Adamson, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Colorado at the proper time; and

WHEREAS, Tina Adamson, has submitted a proposed budget to the Board of County Commissioners on October 15, 2020, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at the courthouse. A public hearing was held on December 10, 2020, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from reserves/fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY KIOWA COUNTY, COLORADO:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET - Continued

Section 1. That the budget as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of Kiowa County, Colorado for the year stated above.

Section 2. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by Donald Oswald and made a part of the public records of the County.

ADOPTED, this 10th day of December, A.D., 2020.

Donald Oswald
Signature

Attest: Delina S. Weeks
Signature