

## Commissioners honor longtime employees

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The Comanche County commissioners honored several long-serving employees during Monday's weekly meeting.

Ten county employees received certificates and jackets from the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO) for serving at least 20 years without a safety incident. Awards are given in five-year increments, starting at 20 years without an incident.

Honored were: Teresa Bailey, Juvenile Detention Center, 20 years; Debra Lynn Bentley, County Clerk's Office, 25 years; Betty Berthold, District 3, 30 years; Rhonda Brantley, Treasurer's Office, 25 years; Sidney Cypress, Juvenile Detention Center, 20 years; Arnold Fischer, District 1, 20 years; Myra O'Neal, County Clerk's Office, 25 years; Jennifer Schulz, County Clerk's Office, 20 years; John Stowe, Sheriff's Office, 25 years; and John Wermey, Assessor's Office, 20 years.

In other business, the commissioners awarded a contract for the replacement of air and heating unit No. 5 at the courthouse, part of the ongoing upgrades to the courthouse climate control system, to Kaiser Mechanical for \$137,000.

Bids received for the project during the July 29 commissioners' meeting included Kaiser's bid; \$147,450 from Johnson Controls; and \$104,575 from Protech Mechanical.

Central District Commissioner Johnny Owens said Monday that Kaiser was chosen as the best bid because of being able to complete the job more quickly than the lowest bidder.