

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 29th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 29th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman
Fred Foley, Commissioner
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors Online: Bob Morris, Leader Courier; Caller 01; Tammy Miller

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Larry Landwehr; Josh Svaty, AEP Renewables

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Henning gave an invocation.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning would like to do a walk through of the storage buildings on A at the end of the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of looking at the storage buildings on A Avenue. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments made.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$34,757.42.

Commissioners signed the following abatement:

ABATEMENT	
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8:30 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser were in to go over Whites Manufacturing.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that she has hired Jamie Smith for the vacant full-time position in the Tag Office. Also, Ms. Luntsford told the Commissioners that she had put an ad out for part time help for the Tag office.

Commissioners agreed that it was a good move to have her as full-time employee.

8:45 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with a CDBG-CV application for approval from C-5 Manufacturing in the amount of \$10,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the application for C-5 Manufacturing from the CDBG-CV Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

8:47 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the Emergency Paid sick leave available due to COVID 19 that will expire on March 31, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve letting the Emergency Paid Sick leave for Kingman County to expire on March 31, 2021. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted a draft of a solar power zoning regulations for the Commissioners to review before it is presented to the Planning/Zoning board.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Goetz what they would like in the regulations.

9:17 a.m. Josh Svaty, AEP Renewables was in to give an update on Flat Ridge III and discussed with the Commissioners about a celebration in late May or Early June when project is finished.

Mr. Svaty has let the Commissioners know that there is potential for Flat Ridge IV in maybe two to three years.

Mr. Svaty gave copies of newsletters on Flat Ridge III; Flat Ridge IV and a map of the location of the wind farms.

Mr. Svaty let the Commissioners know that a possible solar farm could be included with Flat Ridge IV and told them that 6 acres of property is needed for one megawatt.

Mr. Svaty left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 22nd, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 22nd, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:56 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update and let the Commissioners know that there are more active cases this week.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they gave 290 doses last week at their clinic and now vaccinations are available to individuals 18 years of age and over in Kingman County.

SB40 was passed and signed into law last week. With the passage on SB 40 the emergency declaration is extended to the end of May. The Board of County Commissioners now must be involved in public health actions affecting COVID-19 related actions.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

10:24 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to let the Commissioners know about the Governor's order.

Mr. Schott discussed the storage of emergency equipment and PPE.

Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

10:48 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to review the "Notice to Bidders" for FAS 607 & FAS 364 Hot Mix Overlays.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commission know that he has received documentation from Steve Bachenberg for the FHWA Agreement No. 6982AF-21-K-500028 FLAP project and they are requesting an agreement amount of \$200,000.00 by June 1, 2021.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Evan #8 RCB project will start today.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the bill from Fields & Sons for \$4,095.00 for the Union Township Bridge #23 (Wilson Lake Location).

Commissioner Thimesch let the Board know that he testified last week on a bill at the state on the wind farms.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that he attended the City of Kingman meeting last Thursday and the Law Enforcement Center was discussed.

Chairman Henning recessed the board meeting to the Storage facility on A Ave.

Commissioners viewed the A Ave storage buildings and returned to the board meeting room.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.