

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, The Leader-Courier; Pam Stasa, Conservation District Manager; Conservation District Board members.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; 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.

Commissioner Foley gave an invocation.

8:32 a.m. Pam Stasa, Conservation District Manager and Board Members were in to give an update and to submit the budget request for 2022. The request submitted was for \$30,000.00.

Commissioners let them know that they appreciate all that they do.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that the check for the Counties share of the FLAP project in the amount of \$200,000.00 is going out.

8:58 a.m. Michelle Yingling, BC/BS Representative and Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits were in with an update on the County Insurance usage.

Ms. Yingling reviewed the numbers with the Commissioners.

Mr. Gilson let the Commissioners know what he will do with the information received from BC/BS and they will be back on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with an actual renewal for the County.

Ms. Yingling and Mr. Gilson left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

9:38 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review the department budgets with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley went over the Capital Reserve Funds with the Commissioners.

The Road & Bridge Projects were discussed and Ms. Langley requested that when projects are accepted that the amount is placed in the minutes and which fund it comes out.

10:16 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the new money that is coming to the County that is just under 1.4 million dollars.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that there are webinars that give information on what it can be spent on and he will send the links for the webinars to them so they can attend.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that the money doesn't have to spend the money until December 31, 2024.

Ms. Langley and Mr. Schott suggested having a steering committee for the funding.

Commissioners do not want to lose the deadline to receive the funding.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that he has talked with Witt O'Briens LLC and if they are working with the American Rescue Plan.

Ms. Langley and Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

10:33 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to get signatures from the Commissioners on the Spark Account name change to the American Rescue Plan account for the Bank.

Ms. Luntsford submitted a list of delinquent NRP taxpayers.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Bill Vanlandingham and Lance Dixon were in to talk about the Heritage Hall of Honor and it is moving forward. They are shooting for a grand opening on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at the Expo Center.

Mr. Dixon discussed the lighting for the pictures that would be on display at the Expo Center.

Commissioners agreed that changing the lighting in the Expo Center hallway to accommodate the pictures would be good.

Mr. Dixon and Mr. Vanlandingham left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

10:55 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with two letters of support for the NRP program.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Schrag know that he attended the City meeting by zoom and felt the City did not know why the Neighborhood Revitalization Program was being discussed.

Commissioners discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

11:38 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the permit for Ideatek self supporting monopole and that he has received a check from them.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the project agreement with KDOT for Bennett Twp #25 Bridge replacement for a 90/10 match.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the design agreement from Kirkham Michael for Valley 36 Bridge Replacement Agreement and includes construction inspection costs \$39,000.00 from the Special Bridge fund.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the contract for consulting services for the 2021 Surface Overlay Program Phase II – RS 607 in the amount of \$14080.00 upper limits of \$124,000.00 with Schwab Eaton to be paid out of the Special Highway Fund.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the contract for consulting services for the 2021 Surface Overlay Program Phase II- RS 364 in the amount of \$10450.00 upper limits of \$92,000.00 with Schwab Eaton to be paid out of the Special Highway Fund.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the construction inspection agreements for FAS 364 & 607 Hot Mix Overlay Projects.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

12:01 p.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to request purchasing a vaccine freezer-pharmacy grade with auto defrost and submitted a quote from Medical Device Depot Inc. in the amount of \$1424.80.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she has PHEP funds approved to pay for it.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of a vaccine freezer-pharmacy grade from Medical Device Depot Inc. in the amount of \$1424.80. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to go over the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Commissioners let Ms. Luntsford know that they will be requiring that starting with the 2021 tax season if the NRP applicants have not paid all their taxes by the deadline then they will be kicked out of the program. The deadline is December 20<sup>th</sup> for the first half of taxes and May 10<sup>th</sup> for the second half.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:43 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.