

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON June 28th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on June 28th, 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; Sarah Hacker; Hadassah Hacker; Titus Hacker; Noble Hacker; Anita Drake, Council on Aging; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits; Jeff Carson, Gallagher Benefits; Melissa Romme, AdamsBrown Auditor; Robyn Longhofer, Kingman Humane Society; Carolyn Jorgenson, Kingman Humane Society and Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse 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 add an executive session with Stan Goetz, HR.

John Caton, County Counselor would like to add an executive session with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of two executive sessions. 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.

Sarah Hacker, Hadassah Hacker, Titus Hacker and Noble Hacker were in to present the Commissioners with a picture of "IN GOD WE TRUST" and explained the reason behind the Quote.

The Commissioners asked if they could get three more of the pictures to place one on each floor.

Ms. Hacker let the Commissioners know that she would be glad to get them three more.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk informed the Commissioners that the Department of Revenue State Assessed Section had sent a corrected certification as Evergy Kansas South, Inc and Evergy Kansas Central Inc had

made errors on its state assessed property tax returns by misstating cost figures assigned to various taxing subdivisions throughout the state.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$257,945.79.

8:32 a.m. Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with the 2022 Budget request and reviewed it with the Commissioners.

Commissioners asked Ms. Drake if her budget request will cover the increases in utilities and gas.

Ms. Drake let them know that she reviewed it and that it will cover the increases.

Ms. Drake left the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

8:42 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with an update for the County Commissioners.

Commissioners asked Mr. Wimer if he is sure if he will be retiring before they decide to hire someone to train.

Mr. Wimer let them know that he for sure is retiring in July of 2022.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and Melissa Romme, AdamsBrown were in to go over the 2020 County Audit with the County Commissioners.

The management letter was submitted for approval and signature.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2022 County Audit. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Romme introduced Kayla Williams to the Commissioners who helped with the Audit from Adams Brown.

Ms. Romme let the Commissioners know that all departments were great and worked well with them.

Ms. Romme and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

10:16 a.m. Robyn Longhofer and Carolyn Jorgenson with the Kingman Humane Society were in to discuss the Kingman County Humane Society and that they are celebrating 20 years of service. Ms. Longhofer gave the Commissioners a diagram of the new facility under construction.

The wanted to request help with the parking area instead of asking for monetary help with the facility.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Longhofer and Ms. Jorgenson know that he is not in favor of using tax payers money to help with the facility that is funded by community.

Ms. Jorgenson let the Commissioners know that they help the County by taking in stray animals from the county at no charge to the County.

The Commissioners would like to discuss it between themselves and talk with Mr. Arensdorf before making a decision.

Ms. Jorgenson and Ms. Longhofer left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

10:28 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss her budget with the Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

10:36 a.m. Jeremy Gilson and Justin Carson from Gallagher Benefits were in to confirm the BC/BS quote for 2021/2022.

Commissioners asked some questions about the billings.

Mr. Gilson and Mr. Carson left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

10:49 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR was in to let the Commissioners know that Register of Deeds has hired a new employee.

The Commissioners would like to have the new employee introduced to them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and John Caton, Counselor at 10:55 a.m. to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:05 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, Counselor at 11:05 a.m. to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENT	
2021000403	-4,476.52
2021000404	-1,462.88

11:16 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a couple of outstanding bills for damages and wanted to know what the Commissioners would like to do with them.

Commissioners would like for Mr. Caton to send another letter letting both of them know that they will file suit if not paid.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit for approval:

1. Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. DBA Haviland Broadband to place fiber optic cable between sections 26 & 35, Township 29, Range 05W (Allen)

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS 607 Hot Mix Project in the Mt. Vernon area.

Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael was in with an updated list of projects they are working on.

16th Avenue RCB-Evan #8 which construction is complete and the final walk through to come.

FAS #12 Replacement KM#23006800 KDOT #48 C-5043-01

FAS #13 Replacement KM #2009830 KDOT Cost Share Program

FAS #11 Replacement KM #TBD tied to FAS #12 KDOT Cost Share Program

W.3-8.0 Superstructure Replacement KM#2008800

M.0-7.5 Abutement Repair KM#2009825

FF.4-24.0 Replacement KM #2101825

X.6-22.0 Replacement KM #2105815

X.0-21.2 Partial Replacement FEMA Emergency Relief Project

Mr. Beckman submitted a new agreement for engineering services for X.0-21.2 Partial Replacement FEMA Emergency Relief Project with Kirkham Michael.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Kirkham Michael and Kingman County for the X.0-21.2 Partial Replacement in the amount of \$30,000.00 and it would be paid out of the bond money. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Beckman and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to update the Commissioners. The County has two new cases as of today.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they are assisting KDHE and Sedgwick County with Shigella outbreak investigation involving the Tanganyika Water Park.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the Southcentral Kansas Coalition for Public Health meeting is Friday, July 9th at the Pratt Fire Department.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming City/County joint meeting and the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 12:50 p.m. with John Caton, County Counselor for pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:55 p.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:06 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.