

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON September 13th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 13th, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Tad Hacker; Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health.

Staff: Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Tad Hacker presented a proclamation requesting approval to make September 17th through September 23rd Constitution Week.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the proclamation making September 17th through the 23rd Constitution Week. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Hacker thanked the Commissioners for approving the proclamation.

Mr. Hacker left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

8:35 a.m. Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Administrator was in to review the revenue and expense reports with the Commissioners.

Mr. Garrett left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

8:52 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review monthly department budget reports with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

9:31 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update on COVID cases and as of Friday there are 40 cases.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the booster shots are not available yet but they are giving an additional dose to the immunocompromised.

Flu shot season is coming too and planning to kick that off on October 5th, providing we get VFC (Vaccines for Children)vaccine by then.

Ms. Schwartz asked about purchasing a panic button and alarm for the Health Department.

Commissioners would like for her to try the spare panic alarm that the Clerk has before making a decision.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill presented the departments monthly reports for April, May, June & July for the Commissioners to review.

Sheriff Hill discussed the radio system for first responders and seeing about replacing the system. He would like to look into doing a survey to see what the County needs are.

Sheriff Hill would like to propose getting together with first responders around the County and see what their needs are and have a company come in and do a survey to see what is needed.

Sheriff Hill explained the frequencies that are being used and what the effect of using an 800 MHz radios would be.

Commissioners agreed that getting proposals for a radio system should be done and keep moving forward.

10:25 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR was in and asked for an executive session for an employee's evaluation with Sheriff Hill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Sheriff Hill; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton at 10:30 a.m. to discuss and individual 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 to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m.

Commissioners agreed to back pay for a sheriff's deputy.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the Commissioners that John Caton and himself had a conference call last week with a company on Solar Power.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the company will be coming to talk with them in the future. Commissioners and Mr. Goetz discussed the COX company and internet service in the county.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to give COX the opportunity to come in and give a proposal to the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Department Head meeting minutes for them to see.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

11:10 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the departments August financial reports for them to review.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed damage claims to County property.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the dilapidated structure program.

Chairman Henning asked how much a 40 yd container cost to dump. Mr. Arensdorf said it costs \$400.00 for each one.

Commissioners agreed that the landfill fees are where they need to be.

Steve Bachenberg discussed the bid letting for the bridges through the state next week.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the X.6-22.6 Bridge on SE 150 St. has been submitted to the Fiscal Year 2022 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program for possible funding.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed the check received from FFE(Federal Funds Exchange) and deposited.

Mr. Bachenberg informed the Commissioners about the KDOT meetings that are be held by zoom.

12:00 p.m. Gayle Cushenberry, Kingman Carnival Incorporated was in with a brief background of the Carnival.

Chairman Henning let the Carnival Board members know that there was confusion on what was handled by whom.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the August 30th, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, Inc. submitted an agreement to be approved and signed.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to be part of the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, Inc. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners received correspondence from the State that the Appraiser's office is in compliance.

The Commissioners received a letter from the Kingman County Council on Aging requesting a support letter.

The County Clerk let the Commissioners know that she would have a letter of support ready for their signatures next week.

Chairman Henning opened correspondence from SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) for membership dues in the amount of \$1355.86.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the membership with SCKEDD in the amount of \$1355.86. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning received the sales tax information for the month in the amount of \$70,534.00.

Commissioners discussed the crime ads that have been in the Kingman Leader-Courier and the Cunningham Courier.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to continue the crime ads in the Kingman Leader-Courier and Cunningham Courier for another six months. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.