

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; 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.

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.

8:35 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to give an update on the tax sale. There are five properties that are to be sold but there is no date yet.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that starting November 1, 2021 there will be a state examiner every Wednesday in the Driver's License office.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed a support letter for the transportation program at the Council on Aging.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve a support letter to the Council on Aging for the transportation program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the State holidays to the County Commissioners for approval.

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

9:00 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with a department update for the Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer let the Commissioners know that twelve townships have been sprayed for Johnson grass, bindweed musk thistle, trees and brush.

Mr. Wimer has sprayed the county right of ways entirely for broad leave weeds, bindweed thistle, Johnson grass and A.M. spraying of trees and brush.

State right of ways have been sprayed for bindweed and Johnson grass. Also, on real windy days some private property noxious weeds have been sprayed.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

9:12 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR was in to request an executive session individual evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:19 a.m. with Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor 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 to be discussed, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:29 a.m.

Commissioners returned to session at 9:29 a.m. with no action taken.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:34 a.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Edward & Eudon Dutton for a manufactured home in Section 10, Township 27, Range 08W.
2. Fred Simon for a shed in Section 23, Township 27, Range 06W.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

9:50 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was in to give a department update to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bieghler reviewed the revenue and expenses report with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Budget with Mr. Bieghler.

Mr. Bieghler went over the Runs/Demand; transports; simultaneous calls; rescue responses and new medical billing with the Commissioners.

Mr. Bieghler left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:12 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss Attorney Client Privilege 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:22 a.m. with no action taken.

10:39 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works was in with the following permits:

1. Black Hills Energy-Pipeline Crossing- Sections 33 & 34, Township 27, Range 5(Evan).
2. AT & T Kansas-relocate cable- Section 6, Township 28, Range 8 (W Ninnescah).

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the M.0-7.5 Bridge abutment repair.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the state will review bids on 9/27/2021 for FAS Bridge 13.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP – Cheney Reservoir Project and there is a field check set for October 13, 2021 and Project informational signs are in. Road & Bridge forces will install the signs.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:09 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.