

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON December 6th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 6th, 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; Robert Casad, Casad & Associates; Jason Bryant; Zachary Bieghler, EMS Director; Kallie Turner; Chief of Police and Doug Wewe.

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Hill; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; 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 add discussion of the front steps of the Courthouse.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of the front steps. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

Larry Landwehr discussed that the City is wanting to add a position to Economic Development for a grant writer and asked if the Commissioners are going to keep putting money down a rabbit hole.

8:32 a.m. Robert Casad, Casad & Associates was in to further discuss the methane gas producing plant and possibly start with a test plant.

Commissioner Thimesch asked Mr. Casad how many jobs the plant would produce.

Mr. Casad said it would take six full-time employees to run the full plant.

Commissioner Thimesch let Mr. Casad know that he is for the plant.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Casad know that there are a lot of steps to be taken before this can be done.

Mr. Casad asked to have an information session next Tuesday.

Commissioners told him to move forward on the informational meeting.

Mr. Casad left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

8:57 a.m. Mendy Frampton was in for her performance evaluation with the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 8:58 a.m. with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:08 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:08 a.m. with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:13 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:13 a.m.

Ms. Frampton discussed stalls that she would like to purchase for the Expo Center; gates and a sound system.

Commissioners told her to look into the gates and the sound system.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

9:24 a.m. Jason Bryant was in to discuss the radio testing that was done and what the coverages were.

Mr. Bryant let the Commissioners know what his concerns with coverage were.

Commissioners asked questions about placing a tower for coverage.

Mr. Bryant told the Commissioners he could help because they provide their services for free. General discussion and then Mr. Bryant left at 10:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:18 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:28 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:28 a.m. no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m. with no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:43 a.m. with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:53 a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
2021000424	-66.26
2021000425	-24.38
2021000428	-103.38
2021000429	-29.54
2021000430	-105.84
2021000431	-122.70
2021000432	-65.62

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Doug Wewe were in to discuss the road damage that was done on county road.

Chairman Henning discussed what he heard on the road damage and the way it was repaired.

Mr. Wewe let the Commissioners know that he feels that the road was crappy and caused the equipment to come loose and damage the road.

Commissioners discussed the charges.

Mr. Wewe paid for the damages in the amount of \$2814.00.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit:

1. DLS Underground LLC-Road Crossing-2" water line between sections 27 & 34, township 30, Range 07W (Canton).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the November financial reports for the Road & Bridge department.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Onyx seal coat program for 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the radio tower installation at the Kingman County C/D Landfill and that he had sent an email to Terracon and what can be done.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that they could place it in the SW corner of the landfill and there could be access off the township road.

The County Clerk submitted the November 29th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the November 29th, 2021 commission minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Topaz Krehbiel to the Horizons Board of Directors. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the front steps of the Courthouse and the bids received.

Noel Masonry and Concrete, Wichita, KS \$178614.00 plus \$28650.00 if handrail needs replaced.

Hutton out of Wichita, KS \$332,000.00.

Seiler Masonry out of Mt. Hope, KS \$148,000.00.

Mid Continent Restoration from Ft. Scott, KS \$44763.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the bid from Mid Continent Restoration from Ft. Scott, KS in the amount of \$44,763.00. Commissioner Thimesch 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 12:00 noon. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.