

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

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 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; Caller 01; Robert Casad, Casad & Associates.

Staff: Matthew Ricke, County Attorney; Brandon Ritcha Assistant County Attorney; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Sheriff Randy Hill.

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.

Commissioners would like to add EMS Contract discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of the EMS Contract. 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.

No Comments.

The County Clerk submitted the commission meeting minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the December 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.

Commissioners received notice that Mark Schnittker has retired as of 8:30 a.m. this morning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 8:43 a.m. with Matthew Ricke, County Attorney and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 8:53 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 8:53 a.m.

Mr. Ricke left the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

8:54 a.m. Brandon Ritcha, Assistant County Attorney was in to discuss the County Counselor position.

Commissioners asked questions of Mr. Ritcha.

Mr. Ritcha left the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to request an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:16 a.m. with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:23 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 9:23 a.m. with no decision made.

9:25 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the retirement of Mark Schnittker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:39 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:54 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:54 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 9:59 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:04 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 10:04 a.m.

10:05 a.m. Robert Casad was in to ask questions about the organization of the district.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Casad that they don't want to tie the County to the liability of the improvement district.

Mr. Casad left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

10:27 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Ms. Schwartz presented a quote for new desks from Office Plus of Kansas in the amount of \$7652.02.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the quote from Office Plus of Kansas in the amount of \$7652.02. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

10:54 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds discussed the locking of the doors and the Commissioners let Ms. Hubbell know that it is going to be a transition time and each department is going to need to communicate on the locking of the doors of the Courthouse.

Ms. Hubbell discussed the Technology Fund and law that she abides by to the letter of the law.

Commissioners let Ms. Hubbell know they requested Ms. Langley to ask the departments about their reserve funds and money in the technology funds.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

11:29 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in with monthly department reports for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Contract with Sheriff Hill.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that he has been busy and will try to work on radio information this week.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

11:55 a.m. Stan Goetz was in to let the Commissioners know that he has asked Tonya Stamm to help with cleaning in the Courthouse starting tomorrow.

Commissioners approved merits submitted.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Commissioners signed the following abatements and escapes:

ABATEMENTS

2021000464	-475.76
2021000465	-24.00
2021000467	-3979.86
2021000468	-2.86
2021000471	-19.48

2021000472	-7.90
2021000473	-24.00
ESCAPE	
2021000469	2.86
2021000470	3979.86

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Spike's Place that will expire 12-31-2022. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Contract and the Dispatch funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.