

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 3rd, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 3rd, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Adrian Harrel, City of Kingman Mayor.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Sheriff Randy Hill 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 asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning would like to add discussion of AEP windfarm.

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

Commissioners discussed the GAAP Waiver.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the GAAP Waiver for 2021. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the ROZ(Rural Opportunity Zone) funding and that a resolution needs to be approved for the state.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2022-R2, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF KINGMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2022. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Public Building Commission and that Joe Harbert's position expired December 31, 2021.

Chairman Henning let the board know that he talked with Joe Harbert and he would be interested in continuing on the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Joe Harbert to the Public Building Commission for a four-year term and it will expire December 31, 2025. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Contract and that they support EMS.

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

9:04 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to request vacation time extension of 90 days.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the 90 day extension. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton updated the Commissioners on a window that was broke and being repaired in the foyer.

Ms. Frampton discussed spending reserve funds.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

9:23 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to go over end of the year transfers.

Ms. Langley discussed the Pilot money received. \$800,000.00 was transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund and \$300,000.00 was to go into the employee benefit fund per budget.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that the \$1,000,000.00 from AEP was received and will be put into the Capital Improvement Reserve fund.

Commissioners let Ms. Langley know that they are thinking of 9.8 miles of overlay in the Norwich Area.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Langley about the Expo Center funds for some updates to equipment.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

9:58 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to introduce Tonya Stamm to the Board.

Ms. Stamm and Mr. Goetz discussed the work in the courthouse that may need to be done.

Ms. Stamm left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Babson Landscaping took care of the ice removal around the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:15 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's request for leave 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 10:20 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 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch approved shared leave for an individual employee. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. David Hageman for a machine shed in Section 7, Township 28, Range 11.
2. Matthew & Nichole Nesser for a house & shed in Section 24, Township 30, Range 5.
3. Steve & Armella Ayres for a house & attached garage in Section 12, Township 29, Range 5.
4. David Young for a shed in Section 5, Township 30, Range 7.
5. Tracy Chamberlin for a storage shed in Section 36, Township 29, Range 9.
6. Donna Werner for a sunroom in Section 28, Township 30, Range 9.
7. Clint Devore for a shop in Section 13, Township 28, Range 5.
8. Kevin Warner for a swimming pool in Section 11, Township 29, Range 7.
9. Skyland Grain for a dry fertilizer storage in Section 4, Township 28, Range 10.
10. Shawn Carson for a garage in Section 11, Township 27, Range 8.

Commissioners discussed the executive sessions wording in the newspaper.

10:47 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with Construction Contracts to be signed for FF.4-24.0 with L & M Contractors.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he will go out for bid letting on February 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for FAS 693 Hot Mix Project.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a date of March 14, 2022 for the Annual Township Board Meeting for 2022.

Commissioners agreed for that date and to have a meal.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the disposal rates for demolition houses in the rebate program and proposing to bill regular rates at the landfill then issue a final bill after official review by the County Commission.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that the regular demolition rates are to remain in place as they are at a reasonable rate and the County is providing funds for the Dilapidated Structure Program through Economic Development.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed Zenda and St Leo roads are the next roads to think about overlaying.

Commissioners would also like to get a plan for the Varner road so it can be ready for a future overlay.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Chairman Henning discussed the KAC(Kansas Association of Counties) membership in the amount of \$2384.13.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to be members of KAC for 2022. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners approved the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS:

2022000001	-4,710.26
2022000002	-637.20

Commissioners discussed Flat Ridge 3 and the agreement with AEP on the pilot payment for this year with Mr. Caton. Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that he will look at the agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.