

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 24th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 24th, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; LaDawn Segman.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Tammy Miller

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Brandon Ritcha, Asst. Co Attorney.

Chairman Foley 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 Foley gave the invocation.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Foley would like to add the resolution for the opioid settlement.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution of the opioid settlement. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:35 a.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in with bids for a mailer on the 2022 Change of Value Notices.

Postalocity for \$4173.61
The Master's Touch LLC \$4907.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the mailer being done with Postalocity for the amount of \$4173.61. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley asked the Commissioners if a check could be made now so she could get the mailer done earlier and the company requires it before work can be done.

Commissioners agreed to have the check run now.

Chairman Foley discussed an amendment to the Resolution 2021-R18 on the Statewide Litigation regarding the opioid epidemic.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R3, **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO JOIN THE KANSAS STATEWIDE LITIGATION REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC AND AMENDING THE PRIOR RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY.** Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed correspondence received for membership to the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve membership for 2022 to the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley discussed correspondence received from an individual with no name on it but approving the biomethane plant and an article was submitted from a paper.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the January 10th, 2022 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners,

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the January 11th, 2022 Special Meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley opened correspondence from the Kingman Council on Aging.

9:00 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review department budget reports with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley went over capital equipment reserves with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley discussed the cash fund balances with the Commissioners.

9:30 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to introduce LaDawn to the Commissioners for the Internal Auditor position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to hire the part time/seasonal person for the Register of Deeds office. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted vacation extension for Lori Mertens and Mary Schwartz.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve vacation extension for Lori Mertens and Mary Schwartz. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz gave information to the Commissioners on the planning/zoning meeting tonight.

Mr. Goetz submitted a copy of the Resolution for solar power that will be discussed at the meeting tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, Assistant Co. Attorney; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 9:50 a.m. to discuss an 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with no decision made.

10:14 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a design for the Hot Mix for FAS 361 & FAS 607.

Commissioners will wait until next week to make a decision.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the new CDL license requirements to become effective February 7, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits to the Commission:

1. Haviland Telephone Co to lay fiber optic cable between Sections 21 & 28, Township 29, Range 8 (Belmont).
2. Haviland Telephone Co to lay fiber optic cable between Sections 2 & 11 and Sections 1 & 12, Township 29, Range 5 (Allen).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a vacation extension for himself.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to extend the vacation extension for Mr. Arensdorf. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer gave a short update to the Commissioners.

County Clerk discussed NRP with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:39 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.