

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON February 7th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas February 7th, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Robert Casad, Casad & Associates

Online Visitors:

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

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.

Commissioner Henning gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Foley would like to add discussion of the dispatch contract and building renovation.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to discuss SB125 and SB124.

Commissioner Henning would like to discuss 800 radios.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on dispatch contract, building renovation, SB125, SB124 and 800 radios. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:32 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask for an extension for John Fiskus NRP.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the NRP extension for John Fiskus. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the NRP projects that did not pay their taxes on time with Ms. Stucky.

The Commissioners said that the three projects will be removed from the NRP Program.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

8:49 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to remind the Commissioners that the tax sale is Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at the Expo Center Director.

Ms. Luntsford let them know that there is three properties on the tax sale.

Ms. Luntsford would like to close her office from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the tax sale for her staff to see the process.

Commissioners agreed to close her office on the 15th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the tax sale.

Commissioners also would like to start on the next tax sale as soon as this one is done.

9:00 a.m. Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher and Mike Minton were in to go over self funding for the County Insurance.

Mike Minton discussed self-funding with the Commissioners.

Mr. Gilson and Mr. Minton left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

9:41 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request an executive session for non-elect personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 9:42 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 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:59 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 10:01 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 10:11 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 10:11 a.m.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:14 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

10:17a.m. Kallie Turner, Extension Agent was in with an update for the Commissioners on what has been being done at the Extension office.

Extension Board members in attendance were Shanna Henry online; Darla Harbert; Diana Kirk and office administrator Trisha.

Ms. Turner let the Commissioners know of upcoming events, meetings and training.

Commissioner Henning asked if a second agent is needed for Kingman County.

Ms. Turner let the Commissioners know that a second agent could help the County to have more programs available.

Ms. Turner, Ms. Harbert; Ms. Kirk left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

10:42 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with his annual report for approval and signatures.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

10:48 a.m. Robert Casad with Casad & Associates was in to discuss the Resolution from the Public Hearing last week for the "Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001".

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the letter of support for the Broadband Acceleration Grant Program submitted by Haviland Broadband. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2022-R5, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KANSAS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT #001**. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners and Commissioner Thimesch abstained.

Mr. Casad left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

11:20 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open asphalt quotes from the following:

Product	Ergon	Coastal	Vance Brothers	Asphalt Fuel & Sup
MC800	2.70	2.50	3.03	2.63
CMS-1	2.65	2.44	2.73	NA
CRS-1H	2.10	2.09	2.53	NA

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Coastal. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the departments December Financial reports with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that a tower could be placed in the SW corner of the landfill property as an option.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed landfill payments.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

11:44 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with quotes for a new sound system from the following:

HOPPS Sound \$20,596.53

McClellan Sound \$29,000.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the sound system quote from Hopp's Sound in the amount of \$20,596.53. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton discussed the outdoor stalls with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like for Ms. Frampton to put out for bid the chute and pens that were taken down.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

12:12 p.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to give the annual report for Economic Development.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that they have housing, daycare and broadband on the agenda for 2022.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Commissioners discussed getting letters done to send out to Westar Energy; Pickrell and Harper County for next week.

Commissioners discussed the agenda for the City/County joint meeting for February 9th, 2022.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Ritcha about insurance for the Expo Center renters.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the January 31st, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the January 31st, 2022 Commission meeting. 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 1:19 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.