

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
on February 10, 2014

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on February 10, 2014. Those Present:

Carol Voran, Chairperson
John Steffen, Commissioner
Fred Foley, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk

Commissioner Voran called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to Order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Voran asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Voran added signing vouchers at 8:30 a.m. and a Telephone Conference with Kevin Cowan with Gilmore and Bell at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda with amendments. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Visitors: Jason Osner, Cunningham City Commissioner, Landon Oldham, Cunningham City Commissioner, Aaron Murphy, Cunningham City Commissioner, Frank Strohl, Cunningham City Commissioner, Chris Schaller, Cunningham City Commissioner, David Steffen, Cunningham City Clerk, Kansas Representative Jack Thimesch, John Kostner, Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier, Tom Kostner, Sharon Kostner, Mike Miller, Sid Arpin, BG Consultants, Bruce Sterneker, Mike Rowley, Leon Sowers, Greg Ellis, Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Center, Kevin Martin-Nisley, Horizons Mental Health Center Director, Eileen Hawkins, Horizons Mental Health Center Board Member, Carol Maloney, Horizons Mental Health Center Board Member and Charlus Bishop, Kingman City Commissioner.

Staff: Nancy Borst, County Communications Coordinator, Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director, Fred Simon, Emergency Preparedness Director, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director, Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes from the February 3, 2014 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014 as submitted. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

8:00 a.m. Cunningham City Commissioners, Jason Osner, Landon Oldham, Aaron Murphy, Frank Strohl, Chris Schaller, Cunningham City Clerk, David Steffen and State Representative Jack Thimesch were in to discuss with the County Commissioners a plan application they will be submitting to Kansas Department of Transportation T-Works Program for a road construction

project. The Commissioners asked the County Engineer, Steve Bachenberg, to help with the plan application for the City of Cunningham.

Cunningham City Commission, State Representative Jack Thimesch, Mr. Steffen, Mr. Arensdorf, Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Cunningham City Attorney left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

8:55 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with his Annual Noxious Weed Report for the Commissioner' approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley made a motion to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Report as submitted. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

County Commissioners signed County Vouchers in the amount of \$231,758.12.

9:43 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in to discuss and review Policy #36-Workplace Violence, Firearm/Weapons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen made a motion to recess for an Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, that Stan Goetz, Human Resources be included in the meeting to advise the Commissioners and that the Commissioners return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. No binding action was taken during the Executive Session

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. County Commission opened proposals submitted from the Cunningham Courier and Kingman Leader-Courier in response to the County's Request for Proposals for official newspaper publication services.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen made a motion to table consideration of the proposals received until the next Regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

10:15 a.m. Commissioners discussed the ongoing Law Enforcement Center project. They clarified that they did not provide information about a mill levy increase that was incorrectly reported in the Kingman Leader-Courier.

They discussed other options to fund the LEC, including reductions to other county operating budgets. Commissioners expressed their preference for a countywide sales tax as the best LEC

funding option, noting that a general tax would also result in revenue for incorporated cities and provide property tax relief.

They noted that cost-cutting measures have reduced the estimated total project cost of the proposed LEC to \$10.5 million. Now the decision at hand is whether to spend more money to get bid-ready plans for that design. Commissioners expressed concerns with moving forward with no funding in place other than higher property taxes. They reaffirmed their commitment to building a new LEC and their preference to use sales tax to fund it.

After hearing input from members of the public present, commissioners decided not to move forward with the "Construction Document Phase," which is developing final plans for bids on the current design.

Mr. Sowers left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Rowley, Mr. Ellis, Mr. John Kostner, Mr. Simon, Mr. Tom Kostner, Ms. Kinsler, Ms. Kostner, Mr. Miller, Mr. Sterneker, and Mr. Arpin left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

11:58 a.m. Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Center Administrator was in to submit to the Commission the Statement of Revenue, Salary Expenses, and Non-Salary expenses for the Month of December, 2013. Also Mike introduced Kevin Martin-Nisely as the new Director and Carol Maloney as a new board member for Horizons Mental Health Board.

Mr. Garrett, Mr. Martin-Nisely, Ms. Maloney and Ms. Hawkins left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

12:05 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the following:

- Discussed the status of the vehicle rollover and updated on the insurance.
- Updated the Commission on snow removal and asked about the value of the reports he submitted to them.

SOLID WASTE: Charles Arensdorf discussed the Terracon proposal for Design and support services to construct C/D Cell 2 at the Kingman County Construction/Demolition Landfill. Also, Charles asked for approval and a motion for the Regional Solid Waste Plan with minor updates.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the Regional Solid Waste Plan Program. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg discussed the Cunningham application with the Commission.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Voran submitted correspondence received from Peter Rich, Rich Associates for Phase 3 Scope of Services for review. Commission will review and discuss at the next Commission meeting.

1:15 p.m. The Commissioners participated in a telephone conference call with Kevin Cowan, Gilmore and Bell to discuss a possible election to authorize a Countywide 1% Sales Tax and the process it will require.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen made a motion to submit to the County's electors a proposal for approval of a 1% percent sales tax for 20 years for Kingman County, subject to the Commissioners' approval of the form of ballot proposition, the notice of election and related documents to be prepared by Mr. Cowan. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commission decided to meet for a special meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, due to the County Offices being closed on February 17, 2014 in observance of President's Day.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley made a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners regular meeting at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.