

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON April 25th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Darla Harbert, Extension Board; Keith Bergkamp, Extension Board; Dianna Kirk, Extension Board and Aaron Murphy, Cunningham City.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Joyce; Heather Kinsler; Shanna Henry and Trisha Rose.

Staff: Sheriff Randy Hill; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to have two atty-client executive sessions.

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed the letter to the editor that was in the paper last week.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr that they agree that the City and County sent a joint letter to KDOT that they are in agreement with the plans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Attorney to discuss pending administrative proceedings at 8:43 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:00 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 9:00 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Attorney and Sheriff Randy Hill to discuss pending administrative proceedings at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:11 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 9:11 a.m. with no decision made.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$67,578.96.

Commissioners signed road & bridge vouchers in the amount of \$840,964.92.

9:12 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update and let the Commissioners know that COVID is now an endemic issue.

There is a second booster available for people 50 or over and immune compromised.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that WIC clinic is usually Thursday and other days are considered with client conflicts.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that they have CareNet Clinic for uninsured Kingman County residents on the 2nd and 4th Fridays a month.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she held a tabletop exercise in March.

Ms. Schwartz discussed training that she has attended and what is scheduled in the future.

Commissioner Henning discussed the grants and the work that grants take are they worth receiving.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that she has an employee that plans to attend a continuing education event the end of April at Children's Mercy Hospital on car seat safety and special needs...G-tubes, autism-related issues, etc.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a Tri-care application for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Tri-care application for the Health Department. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted suggestions to spend grant money received.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a quote from Iconic It for a panic button and alarm system in the amount of \$1247.50 and \$30.00 per month for service.

Commissioners would like Ms. Schwartz to look into the extra monthly fees before making a decision.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Kallie Turner, Extension Agent was in with the certificate of proper functioning, certificate of filing County Extension Budget and the budget for 2023.

The budget request for 2023 is \$161,141.00 which is a 3% increase because they haven't requested an increase since 2019.

Commissioners discussed the increase with the Extension Board and Ms. Turner.

Ms. Turner gave her quarterly update to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bergkamp, Ms. Kirk; Ms. Harbert and Ms. Turner left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

10:52 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with an update on the tax sale.

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

10:54 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit:

1. R & B Oil & Gas Inc.-Road Crossing-Salt Water Line between Sections 19 &20, Township 30, Range 9 (Rochester).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the approval of the 2022 Surface Overlay Program Phase 2 with Cornejo & Sons LLC in the amount of \$1,142,984.50 by Brad Fagan, PE from Schwab Eaton.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer discussed that KDOT has new numbers for bridge #12 & #13.

State allocation funds of \$103,928.13 and the state will buy back at \$ 93535.32.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the state buying back the state allocation for \$103928.13. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg brought up a box bridge in Vinita Township that will need to be replaced. His suggestion was to place two 48" culverts for drainage.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting.

11:17 a.m. Aaron Murphy, Skyland Grain was in to discuss the remodeling and new construction of the Skyland Grain administration building.

Commissioners approved the remodeling of Skyland Grain and new construction added to the Skyland Grain administration building.

Mr. Murphy let the Commissioners know as Cunningham City commission that they did not receive any of the base grant funds. Nobody in Kingman County received base grant funds.

Mr. Murphy left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Harper County and Stafford County received base grant funds awarded.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the April 18th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the April 18th, 2022, Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:58 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.