

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON June 13th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 13th in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Fred Foley, Chairman

Jerry Henning, Commissioner

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Anita Drake, Council on Aging Administrator; Ira Kempf, BP; Ruben Padron, BP; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael; Dave Steffen, CESI Board; Rogene Jarmer, CESI Board.

Online Visitors: Patricia Castro and Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

The County Clerk asked for some time for Clerk comments at the end of the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the added clerk comments. 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 thanked the Commissioners for acknowledging Veterans and Veterans status.

8:33 a.m. Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with an update and to go over their budget request for 2023. The request is down \$2000.00.

Ms. Drake left the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$983,480.46.

Commissioners signed and approved May 2022 transfers and corrections in the amount of \$9,170.35.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the June 6th Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the June 6th Commission meeting minutes. Commissioners Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:51 a.m. Dave Steffen and Rogene Jarmer, CESI Board of Directors were in to discuss Cunningham Emergency Services with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Steffen let the Commissioners know that Monte Rose will be retiring in July and he kept the emergency services going. The good news is they have five people who have made the decision to help fill this vacancy. The funding for expenses for training, update and maintain equipment and compensation for individual EMT's time for runs and meetings do not have like they have had in the past.

Mr. Steffen and Ms. Jarmer were in to request support from Kingman County for 2023 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Commissioners discussed that they will consider the budget request.

Mr. Steffen and Ms. Jarmer left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Ira Kempf & Ruben Padron, BP Flat Ridge 2 and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director were in to discuss Flat Ridge 2 updates with the Commissioners.

Ms. Kempf described the process that will be done to update the current towers and possibly do an update.

Ms. Kempf let the Commissioners know that they plan to use the heavy haul route.

Ms. Kempf told the Commissioners that the projected completion date of the upgrade is the end of 2023.

Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael described how they review road conditions before and after the project.

Commissioners discussed that they have good communication with the townships involved.

Charles Arensdorf asked if they had talked to Harper County and Barber County yet.

Mr. Padron let Mr. Arensdorf know that they will meet with Harper County this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Patricia Castro, Attorney with BP was online and asked questions about the 10 day notice.

Ms. Kempf; Mr. Padron, Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

10:04 a.m. Aaron Corcoran, Motorola was in to discuss pricing for a self-supporting tower, building, 800 radio system and maintenance for seven years. The price of the self-supporting tower is \$1,669,789.00 and the pricing is good until June 24th, 2022 and then it will have to be re-quoted.

Commissioners asked if they will get a structural analysis of the tower when done.

Mr. Corcoran said that they would receive a structural analysis and there will be a final inspection done when the tower is finished.

Mr. Corcoran and Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

10:37 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill submitted the department updates for April, May and the final 2021 budget information for review.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that he had purchased a trailer with diversion funds and was going to use an evidence trailer but it hasn't been finished. He is going to sign it over to the City of Kingman to finish it for an evidence trailer and take it off the County insurance.

The City of Kingman said that the Sheriff's Department would be able to use the evidence trailer as needed.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

10:54 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with May financial reports for Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed overlay with Mr. Arensdorf.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Flat Ridge 2 repower project.

The FAS 13 Bridge date of completion is now set for June 30th, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that Reece Construction is wanting to give a cash payment for road on FAS 12 and he would like to apply it to the .75% Sales tax fund.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Zenda road and that it is being taken care of today.

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

Mr. Goetz brought in some information to show what was sent out to the Flat Ridge 2 townships.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation at 11:32 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:42 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:51 a.m. with a change of employment status.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:56 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.