

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON September 12, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 2022, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Frank McClellan and Kevin Halderson.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Joyce

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenburg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment was made.

8:33 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with updates on what he has accomplished.

Mr. Ewy discussed replacing his current pickup with a smaller vehicle because he felt that a ¾ ton pickup is not needed.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he has Emergency Manager training Tuesday through Friday in Mulvane.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

8:50 a.m. Carol Noblit, County Clerk was in to discuss that the air conditioner in her office is throwing black stuff from it even after cleaning the filter and asked if she should get quotes for a new a/c or have it repaired.

Commissioners would like Ms. Noblit to look at getting it repaired.

Ms. Noblit discussed with the Commissioners about appointing two people of opposite parties to view the shredding of the 2020 General Election ballots.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint Carolyn McClafin (Republican) Tiffany Aumiller(Democrat) to shred the 2020 General Election ballots. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Noblit submitted the August 29th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the commission minutes for the August 29th, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to request purchasing a new computer for her office and she submitted a quote from Integris for a new Dell OptiPlex 5000 Desktop Computer for \$1,365.26.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a new desktop computer for the Appraiser office from Integris in the amount of \$1365.26. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners let Ms. Hartley know that they had received notice from the State commending the Appraiser's work being in compliance.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the tax sale and how they will handle the sale of the property since there is only two properties at this time.

Commissioner Henning discussed an article in a publication he received on fence viewing and that it would help with Commissioner viewings in the future.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$198,660.87.

Commissioners signed road & bridge vouchers in the amount of \$363,345.22.

Commissioners signed and approved the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
20220000047	-558.40
20220000048	-23.60

Commissioners approved the summary of transfers & corrections for August 31, 2022 in the amount of \$484,776.18.

9:30 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss the façade program application from the City of Norwich for the Dotzour Center and to get approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the application for Façade program for the City of Norwich, Dotzour Center. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag presented a letter of support for the Champion program to have the Commissioners sign.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

9:48 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in and went over the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the planned use of funds.

Ms. Stegman reviewed monthly budget reports with the County Commissioners and all departments are trending well.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

10:44 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer was in to discuss the widening of 1 mile of shoulders on Mile 14 FAS 359 North of Cunningham on NW 170 Avenue.

Frank McClellan was in to discuss that when you meet a vehicle on the NW 170 Avenue there is not enough room.

Kevin Halderson, Township officer was in to discuss the issue with the width of the road and that shoulders are needed.

Commissioners agreed that the shoulders need to have something done and would like to have Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg look into it.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve putting a 6' shoulder of AB3 on each side of NW 170 Ave between 10th St and 20th St. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg gave an update on the FLAP project.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed that he talked with Mr. Lavarentz with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has worked on the cost share program and the application can be filled out online.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor let Mr. Bachenberg know that he has put a support letter together for the cost share program and Commissioners have helped get the signatures from business owners.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

11:48 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director let the Commissioners know that he plans on going out to Murdock.

Mr. Goetz discussed the boiler and presented a proposal from Specialty Mechanical Inc. to take care of the maintenance of the boiler in the amount of \$2548.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the proposal from Specialty Mechanical Inc. of \$2548.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz requested an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:00 p.m. to discuss an individual employees 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 12:12 p.m. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:12 a.m. with a new hire form and a promotion form approved and signed.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve **Resolution 2022-R12, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO ESTABLISH A SELF-INSURANCE RESERVE FUND.** Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS Contract with Mr. Ritcha.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.