

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON September 19, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 19, 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; Larry Landwehr; Patrick Elpers; David Luke, KCAMP and Jes Pfannenstiel, KWORC.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Susan Hubbell; Tammy Miller; Macay Ewy; Reed McGregor; James Gambrell; Caller 02; Caller 03.

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to have an atty-client executive session with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an atty-client executive session. 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.

Carol Noblit mentioned the Constitutional Day celebration that was held on Saturday was good.

8:33 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with updates and discussed the fire at Eagle Acres and that they used the Emergency trailer to help.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2022-R13 and Proclamation for State of Local Disaster for Kingman County, Kansas. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

8:50 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss some funding that is available.

Commissioners discussed what can be done for the misplaced individuals from Eagle Acres.

8:58 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to request an extension for Shawn Vredenburg's NRP project. Ms. Stucky said that it is his first request.

Commissioners approved Mr. Vredenburg's extension.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:06 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings 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 that we return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:21 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:21 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Foley moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:21 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings 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 that we return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:26 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:26 a.m. with no decision made.

9:30 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with an update on the tax sale.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that we need to have more people coming in for drivers license or we may lose our Drivers License Examiner down to a couple of days.

Ms. Luntsford discussed that the computers in her office are having issues and would like to get bids on replacements.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that she attended the annual KCTA(Kansas County Treasurer Association) conference last week in Kansas City.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Macay Ewy as a replacement to serve as the Kingman County's representative on the South-Central Regional Homeland Security Council beginning

September 19, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve a letter of support to the Council on Aging General Public Transportation program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:54 a.m. Macay Ewy let the Commissioners know that a retired Meteorologist is returning to Kingman County and would like to help in the community. This individual would like to be on the LEPC board.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners opened the bids received for County Property and Work Comp.

The bids received were as follows:  
KWORC (Work Comp) \$39,072.00

KCAMP (Property, Liability, Crime) \$148,988.00

KWORC representative Jeff Pfananstiel let the Commissioners know why the annual premium went down from what we were billed this year.

KCAMP representative David Luke went over the reason for the increase in the annual premium bid and the coverages with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve bid from KCAMP for property, liability and crime. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from KWORC for workman's comp. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Pfanenstiel and Mr. Luke left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know about the upcoming Planning/Zoning Hearing next Monday night and the agenda for it.

Mr. Goetz discussed that Sarah Carroll and Mark Brady will be attending the Commission meeting next week at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

10:54 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenburg, County Engineer were in with contract for the Kyle Bridge to be signed.

Mr. Bachenburg discussed the road that they are wanting the shoulders to be extended. The shoulders will need to be graded and a little bit more work.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he talked with Terracon about the sampling.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:29 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.