

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON September 26, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 26, 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; Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Mark Davidson, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent; Trisha Rose, Extension office assistant; Diana Kirk, Extension Board; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Julie Lyon.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Fred

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

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.

Larry Landwehr discussed the fall festival and that compared to other fall festivals, Kingman festival is missing something.

Commissioners discussed that not everyone has facebook and advertising is needed to get the word out.

8:33 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in and asked the Commissioners if they would be okay with him starting a facebook page for Emergency Management.

Commissioners asked what the facebook page would be used for.

Mr. Ewy said it would be used to keep people notified of training availabilities and a place for people to go for Emergency information.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Commissioners signed vouchers in the amount of \$536,177.72.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 19th, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 19th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a vacation extension request for an employee. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:52 a.m. Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent was in with an update on the 4-H kids that had exhibit results in the Kansas State Fair and Kingman County was well represented.

Ms. Thimesch asked the Commissioners if they would approve a proclamation declaring next week being 4-H Week.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the proclamation declaring next week 4H-Week. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Thimesch, Ms. Rose and Ms. Kirk left the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:02 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. no decisions were made.

Commissioners reviewed the EMS Contract received from the City of Kingman.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Kingman EMS Contract with the City of Kingman. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:30 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to request approval of a letter of support for the Moderate Income Housing funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the letter of Support for the Moderate Income Housing funds. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag presented the SEED Grant Project totals to the County Commissioners and asked Julie Lyon to talk about the Saddle & Ropers Floor.

Julie Lyon was in to discuss the request to the SEED Grant projects for the Saddle & Ropers flooring.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the matching funds of \$746.50 for the SEED grant for the Saddle & Ropers flooring. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners asked about the apartment building and what is available for funding to help rebuild it.

Ms. Schrag said that she is working on possibilities.

Ms. Schrag and Ms. Lyon left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a clinic traffic report to review with the Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know the upcoming training classes that herself and staff will be attending soon.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the grant funds available that has a deadline of July 1, 2023 to be spent and some of the options that she would like to do. Ms. Schwartz would like to upgrade some things.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

10:25 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Mark Davidson, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy were in to discuss Flat Ridge 4

Ms. Carroll introduced who was in to discuss windfarm documents and that it is a place to start.

Commissioner Henning let the representatives know that they are here to protect Kingman County and the redline document received with so many changes are far from any agreements.

Ms. Carroll went through the red line changes throughout the documents presented with the County Commissioners.

Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director discussed the concerns of the bridges available in the suggested windfarm map.

Ms. Carroll, Mr. Brady and Mr. Davidson left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

11:55 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mr. Yost discussed the road agreement presented to discuss today and their thoughts on it.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Yost left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:34 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.