

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 3rd, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 3rd, 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; Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire Chief; Mike Gillen; Harold Stark, Cunningham Fire and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Fred; Heather Kinsler; Caller 02; SC; Mark Davidson

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Timothy Elliott, Deputy County Treasurer; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No additions were requested.

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.

No Comments made.

8:36 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in and let the Commissioners know that a fire chiefs meeting will be held this week.

Mr. Ewy found a gas leak the last week and the county has no gas leak detector so he requested purchasing a four gas detector for \$2456.61 out of the County Equipment reserve.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a four-gas leak detector for \$2456.61. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire and Harold Stark, Cunningham Fire were in to discuss fire calls with the Commissioners.

8:54 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to let the Commissioners know that the County has received Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman discussed that she still hasn't received an agreement from Motorola with the State.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

9:09 a.m. Timothy Elliott, Deputy County Treasurer was in with an invoice from The Master's Touch LLC in the amount of \$6,075.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the quote received from The Master's Touch LLC in the amount of \$6,075.00 for mailing tax statements. Commissioner Thimesch 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 Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:20 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's 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(s) to be discussed, and that they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:31 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 9:31 a.m. no decisions were made.

9:31 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in with Department reports for June, July and August for Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill was in with Accurate Controls Inc. maintenance agreement with the Gold, Bronze and Silver options.

The County went with the Bronze plan last year and would like to go with the Bronze plan for this next year.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to go with the Bronze plan for the next year. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill gave the commissioners a quote from Motorola Solutions for 11 portable radios \$53,837.19 to be purchased out of the diversion fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go with the Motorola Solutions quote for \$53,837.19 to be paid from the diversion fund. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill discussed coverage with a UHF system with the Commissioners and moving a repeater would give more coverage.

Commissioners would like to check with the Motorola contract and see what it covers on the moving of the repeaters.

Sheriff Hill asked the Commissioners if it would be okay to pursue moving forward on the wind farm usage of a tower.

Commissioners agreed to have Sheriff Hill move forward on researching the tower.

Sheriff Hill left at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman Foley recessed the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Chairman Foley reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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

Commissioners discussed the REAP Agreement by and between the workforce alliance of South-Central Kansas, Inc. and the Chief Elected Officials Board.

10:47 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was into requesting moving \$5000.00 from the Dilapidated program to the Façade Program.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the moving of funds of \$5,000.00 from the dilapidated program to the façade program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

10:58 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a thank you card from Kingman Senior Center for the AED machine that was donated.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the FR 4 & FR 5 consulting agreement for review and negotiation of the Road Access and Repair Agreement from Kirkham Michael.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Road Access and Repair Agreement with Kirkham Michael for FR 4 & FR 5. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he had received a consultation request from Canton township for advice on road repair around a county bridge and advice on routing water in Section 7, Township 30, Range 6.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the consultation request for Canton Township. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the August 2022 financial report for his department to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that they are about to finalize the Flat Ridge 3 Transportation program.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the draft of the Local Road Safety Plan with the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

11:51 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the minutes of the September 26, 2022 planning/zoning meeting for the Commissioners.

The commercial windfarm guidelines were updated and a recommendation for the text changes of the guidelines was done by the board to present to the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz presented a resolution to be approved by the County Commissioners for the modification of the zoning guidelines.

Commissioner Henning moved to approve **Resolution 2022-R13, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF COMMERCIAL WIND FARM APPLICATION GUIDELINES AS AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS FOR KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS**. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz presented a FR4 & FR5 windfarm plans to the County Commissioners that he received.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Special Use Permit for FR 4 and a sketch plan for a subdivision Horizons East in Evan township will be on the agenda for the October 24, 2022 planning/zoning meeting.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Jerod Bebemeyer for a House in Section 34, Township 30, Range 6.
2. Thomas Bonil for a shop/shed in Section 12, Township 27, Range 22.
3. Kevin Schrag for a House in Section 23, Township 27, Range 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session Brandon Ritche, County Counselor at 12:23 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 12:33 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner returned to regular session at 12:33 p.m. with no decisions made.

Commissioners discussed that the County Christmas Dinner will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 16th, 2022.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.