

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 24th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 24th, 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, Leader-Courier; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health CEO; Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael Engineer.

Online Visitors: Caller 01

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

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add an executive session for atty-client privilege.

Commissioners discussed Inevergy that was on the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for atty-client privilege. 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 comment.

8:33 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with a Promulgation of the Kingman County Emergency Operations Plan to have approved and signed by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Promulgation of the Kingman County Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

8:46 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask for an NRP extension for Kevin Schrag and it is his first request.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the NRP extension for Kevin Schrag. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

County Commissioners signed county vouchers.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 11th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the October 11th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:50 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a quote for five computers and adobe software programs for two from Integris in the amount of \$10,713.10 to be paid out of her technology fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the quote received from Integris IT for 5 computers and 2 adobe software programs in the amount of \$10,713.10 out of the Treasurers Technology Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know the tax sale is to be held on November 28th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom on the second floor.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that her retirement party will be December 2nd, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. and her retirement date will be December 16th, 2022.

Ms. Luntsford requested that her offices be closed on December 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. so that her employees could attend her retirement party.

Commissioners agreed that her offices could be closed.

Ms. Luntsford left at 9:05 a.m.

9:14 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with a Community Service report for the Commissioners to review.

Ms. Frampton discussed having help for cleaning stalls.

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

9:42 a.m. Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health CEO was in to update the Commissioners on the financials.

Ms. Mader discussed a grant they received to help with services offered.

Ms. Mader left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

9:58 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request an executive session for non-elected personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:04 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an 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 they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. no decision made.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with payroll change in status for sheriff's department employees.

10:36 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer went over the financials with the County Commissioners.

10:59 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a propane bid to open from Farmers Coop Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

Propane \$2.099 per gallon.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the propane bid from Farmers Coop Pretty Prairie, Kansas in the amount of \$2.099 per gallon. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following bids for 1500 tons of AB-3:

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| Concrete Enterprises, Inc. | \$31.92 per ton = \$47,880.00 |
| Cornejo | \$26.39 per ton = \$39,585.00 |
| APAC | \$29.00 per ton = \$43,500.00 |
| Theis Dozer Service | \$30.00 per ton = \$45,000.00 |

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Cornejo in the amount of \$39,585.00 for 1500 tons of AB-3. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman submitted a resolution for the Grant funds to be in one fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve RESOLUTION 2022-R14, **A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROCEEDS FUND.** Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman and Mr. Arensdorf discussed the GO Bonds for the bridges and the reimbursed funds.

The payment for X.0-21.2 is coming from the reimbursed funds.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a permit for the following:

1. Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. DBA Haviland Broadband to bury fiber optic cable between Section 36, Township 29, Range 5(Allen) and Section 1, Township 30, Range 5 (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted KDOT's response on FAS 363 Hot Mix Overlay funding request in the Fall 2022 Cost Share Program.

Commissioners discussed roads that need to be overlaid.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed with the Commissioners about Flatridge IV & V Geotech transportation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:47 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 11:57 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:57 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 12:07 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:07 p.m. with no decision made.

Tanner Yost with Kirkham Michael was in and let the Commissioners know that Nextera has been notified of damages made to the county road.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Yost left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the Commissioners know that she was informed at KAC Conference to be prepared for possible disturbances on Election Day.

Chairman Foley discussed his concerns about a possible executive order by President Biden in regards to local oil companies environmental regulations.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:24 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.