

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 31st, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Ls; Joyce; Heather Kinsler; Adrian Harrel; Susan Hubbell

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.

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.

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Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No comment.

8:33 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in and gave the Commissioners an update.

Mr. Ewy discussed that there are a lot of grants out there but some are not worth going for it takes more time to run it than the money they give.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Commissioner Henning discussed the Planning/Zoning meeting he attended October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:55 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with some updates for the Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the County received the Champion grant and Johnna Fairchild is their Champion.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that they have two appointees for the Economic Development Board this year.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:10 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk 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 9:15 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 9:15 a.m. no decision made.

Commissioner Henning discussed Invenergy presentation at the planning/zoning meeting.

Mr. Ritcha discussed the meeting held with Invenergy after the Commission meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

9:30 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a report on services given through the month of October.

Ms. Schwartz presented a quote for a desk-barrier for the front desk that will be tempered glass and won't scratch from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$748.29.

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Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that Department Head evaluations are coming up and would like to start sooner this year.

Commissioners agreed that starting evaluations earlier would be a good idea.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the Department Head meeting will be next week at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Goetz submitted the planning/zoning meeting minutes to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Goetz let the Commission know that they had a re-zone request heard and there is a 14-day waiting period and will present a resolution on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Henning discussed that the individual putting in the subdivision is following all the County regulations.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Kevin Schrag for a house in the NW4 of Section 23, Township 27, Range 05W.
2. Dennis Hageman for a spa in Section 34, Township 29, Range 08W.

3. Jerod Bebemeyer for a house in Section 34, Township 30, Range 06W.
4. Thomas Bonil for a shop/shed in Section 12, Township 27, Range 05W.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:20 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 10:30 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 10:30 a.m. with no decision made.

10:30 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the 2023 Hot Mix Overlay Projects cost estimate about \$200,000.00 per mile.

Mr. Arensdorf gave updates on the following bridge replacement projects:

- a) FF.4-24.0 -southwest of Norwich to start 10/31/2022.
- b) W.3-8.0 – Rehab Project-SE 10 St-to start November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the vacation extension of a Treasurer's office employee. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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

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