

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON August 4, 2014

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on August 4, 2014. Those Present:

Carol Voran, Chairperson
John Steffen, Commissioner
Fred Foley, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk

Also present was the County Counselor, John Caton.

Visitors: Gayle Dye, Carol Young, David L. Hill, John J. Henning Jr., John Kostner, and Eileen Hawkins, Mike Garrett, Carole Maloney, Kevin Martin-Nisly, Horizons Mental Health Center, and Joyce Mertens.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Kingman County Communications Director, Mike Noblit, Road & Bridge Department, Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director, Richard Batchellor, Appraiser, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Fred Simon, Emergency Management Director, Amber Barratti, Deputy Officer, Sheriff Randy Hill.

Commissioner Voran called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to Order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Voran asked if there were any amendments to the agenda.

Commissioner Voran added an appointment with Joyce Mertens at 10:45 a.m. to discuss road vacation procedures.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Joyce Mertens at 10:45 a.m. to discuss road vacation procedures. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners reviewed the minutes from July 28, 2014 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes from July 28, 2014. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:20 a.m. David Hill and John J. Henning Jr. with One Spark discussed with the Commissioners their proposal to promote a festival in Kingman using the Activity Center, the outdoor arena, the downtown theater and other venues. Mr. Hill was reminded to work within the policies of the activity center and was encouraged to book a date.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to allow One Spark to work to bring economic development to Kingman County. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Henning left the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Nancy Borst, County Communications Coordinator and Mendy Frampton, Activity Center Director presented the results of a survey conducted regarding use of the Activity Center.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

9:35 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning and Fred Simon, Emergency Management Director were in to discussed with the Commissioners the building that collapsed on Main Street and arrangements made with Dewey Simons to dispose of the building debris.

Mr. Simon left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Goetz informed the County Commissioners that the Sheriff has hired Amber Barratti for the Deputy position.

Mr. Goetz had the following building permits approved:

1. Lowell Fairchild-for a hay shed- NW4, Section 22-28-6 (Dale).
2. Neal Rice- for a storage building- NW corner NE4, Section 23-27-5 (Evan).

Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser, presented correspondence received from a taxpayer relating to an appeal to the small claims division of the Board of Tax Appeals. Mr. Batchellor informed the Commissioners that the Geographic Information System software has been installed on all the computers in his office and the data are available to the public

Mr. Batchellor left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Sheriff Randy Hill introduced his new deputy Amber Barratti.

Mr. Hill and Ms. Barratti left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Voran moved to recess for an Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, that Stan Goetz, Human Resources Director, and John Caton, County Counselor, be included in the meeting to advise the Commissioners and that the Commissioners return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

10:24 a.m. Kevin Martin-Nisly, Mike Garrett, Carole Maloney and Eileen Hawkins with Horizons Mental Health Center presented Horizon's monthly report for June 2014 and discussed with the Commissioners the effects of reduced state funding on Horizon's operations.

Mr. Martin-Nisly, Mr. Garrett, Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Maloney left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

10:38 a.m. Joyce Mertens inquired about the procedures for vacating a public road.

Ms. Mertens left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Voran moved to recess for an Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel in order to protect the

privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, that Stan Goetz, Human Resources Director, Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor, be included in the meeting to advise the Commissioners and that the Commissioners return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 11:20 a.m. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Voran moved to recess for an Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, that Stan Goetz, Human Resources Director, Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor, be included in the meeting to advise the Commissioners and that the Commissioners return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 11:33 a.m. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Voran moved to recess for an Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. for the purpose of consulting with the County Counselor on a matter protected by the attorney-client privilege in order to protect the privilege and the Board's position in connection with potential litigation, that Carol Noblit, County Clerk, and John Caton, County Counselor, be included in the meeting to advise the Commissioners and that the Commissioners return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:43 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 11:43 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners will be attending a City-County Joint meeting at 3:00 p.m. at the city building on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:48 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.