

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. November 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Robert Casad.

Online Visitors: Danny McDorman

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

County Clerk let the Commissioners know that Robert Casad would like to be added to the end of the agenda for a five minute update.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Robert Casad. 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.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that he had some conversations with Mr. McDorman.

8:39 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in for his performance review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 8:39 a.m. with Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager 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 8:59 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:59 a.m. with no decision made.

9:02 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in for her performance review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:02 a.m. with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director 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 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch 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 at 9:32 a.m. with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director 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 9:37 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:37 a.m. with no decision made.

9:47 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in for her performance review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:47 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse 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 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:07 a.m. with no decision made.

Ms. Schwartz presented her department update to the Commissioners and submitted a quote received for the security system and panic button from Integris It in the amount of \$3272.84 to be paid with Covid grant funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote for a panic alarm system from Integris IT in the amount of \$3272.84 to be paid with COVID grant funds. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Commission minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the November 21, 2022, Commission minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners approved the following abatements:

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2022000061	-18.00
2022000062	-12.00

Commissioner Henning discussed the windfarm information he had received by email.

10:30 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to remind the Commissioners of the tax sale this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:33 a.m. with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer 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 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch 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 at 10:48 a.m. with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer 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 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch 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 at 10:53 a.m. with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer 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 11:03 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:03 a.m. and Becky Luntsford discussed that there needed to be a correction made to an article that was put in the paper last week.

Taxes are still due by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 because tax statements did go out before the Statutory deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Treasurer's office will work with getting tax statements to individuals if they did not receive them.

Ms. Luntsford left at 11:07 a.m.

11:07 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

- 1) SC Telcom to bury fiber optic cable along SW 170 Ave and NW 170 Ave from the Barber County line north to the Reno County Line.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the deck pour for FAS #12 is planned for December 3, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that mower quotes will be opened on 12/19/2022.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer was in with some updates for the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that hot mix costs are going up 20 to 30%.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that the project they submitted and got declined by the state will cost more to do in the next six months. When we write our next letter submitted should include this information.

Commissioners discussed that the next submission should include individual letters from residents and businesses along that road.

Mr. Bachenberg updated the Commissioners know that the FLAP project bid letting will be December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Working on the update to the Capital Needs Projects and asked if there had been any final decision on the North Main entrance for the bypass received from the state.

Commissioners let Mr. Bachenberg know that the county had not received any thing yet finalizing the North Main access point.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed with the Commissioners that the Local Road Safety Plan hasn't been completed yet.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

11:38 a.m. Robert Casad, Casad and Associates was in to discuss the bio fuel test plant and give an update.

Mr. Casad left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:44 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 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m. no decision made at this time.

Tom Schnittker was in to ask if a Commissioner would be at a road consultation at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Commissioners let Mr. Schnittker know that the road consultation this afternoon will be with Charles Arensdorf, Mr. Bachenberg and the township officers.

Mr. Schnittker left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:18 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.