

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON December 12th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 12th, 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; Patrick Elpers; Stan Hacker

Online Visitors: Joyce;

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Stan Hacker asked the County Commissioners to work on banning medical marijuana and putting something into law for Kingman County.

8:43 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Jamie Smith, Appointed Treasurer were in to discuss the contract for Klenda Austerman LLC doing the Tax sale for 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the contract for 2023 tax sale services with Klenda Austerman LLC. 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 at 8:48 a.m. with Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer; 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 8:58 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 8:58 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the part-time position being filled in the County Tag Office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford and Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the financials with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like Ms. Stegman to place the transfer of \$95,000.00 into the Capital Improvement fund.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Stegman that they do not want to over tax the taxpayers just to put money in reserves.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the December 5th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the December 5th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners approved the following abatements and additions:

| ABATEMENTS | | ADDITIONS | |
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| 2022000091 | -839.42 | 2022000093 | +263.64 |
| 2022000092 | -36.00 | 2022000094 | +238.16 |
| 2022000097 | -10.62 | 2022000095 | +350.40 |
| 2022000099 | -196.76 | 2022000096 | +880.10 |
| 2022000100 | -71.72 | 2022000098 | +12.02 |
| 2022000102 | -24.00 | 2022000106 | +290.72 |
| 2022000103 | -109.28 | | |
| 2022000104 | -24.00 | | |
| 2022000105 | -302.42 | | |
| 2022000107 | -18.00 | | |
| 2022000108 | -229.88 | | |
| 2022000109 | -445.68 | | |
| 2022000110 | -664.92 | | |

9:50 a.m. Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with the bids to be opened at 10:00 a.m. for Chemicals.

The bids received were from the following: Van Diest, Nutrena and Simms Fertilizer & Chemical with individual pricing.

Mr. Leroux will take bids and get back with the Commissioners on the final pricing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:08 a.m. with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed 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 10:18 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 10:18 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:21a.m. with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center; 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 10:31 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:31 p.m.

Commissioners would like to go to all 10' stalls instead of the 12' stalls and rates will need to go up.

Mr. Leroux and Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know about the Wellness kickoff that will be Wednesday.

Mr. Goetz submitted the County Payroll Resolution 2023 for approval by the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R17, **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 HOURLY NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE AND PAY MATRIX.** Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the planning/zoning meetings and the landowner concerns on the new addition called Horizon East and requested that the Townships be notified also when holding hearings.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss a bridge that needs to be repaired that came about this past weekend.

The bridge has been inspected by Kirkham Michael and Mr. Arensdorf is waiting for the recommendation to the County.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the ROZ Resolution 2022-R16. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:48 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.