

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON February 21, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 21, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman
Patrick Elpers, Commissioner
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Henning gave the invocation.

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Adrian Harrel, Nextera

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; David Hillman, Undersheriff; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. 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 with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 8:35 a.m. to discuss atty-client privilege 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 they will return to opens session in the board meeting room at 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:55 a.m. with no decision made.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No comments made.

8:56 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager and David Hillman, Undersheriff were in to discuss vehicle purchasing.

Commissioners discussed the Emergency Manager vehicle addition or replacement.

Undersheriff Hillman presented quotes received for four 2023 Dodge Durangos from the following:
Superior Emergency Response Vehicles \$55,185.40 (slick top)

Superior Emergency Response Vehicles \$55,277.40 (Light bar)
TCS Upfitting \$57,535.90 (slick top)
TCS upfitting \$57,330.90 (light bar)

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to lease purchase four dodge durangos for the Sheriff's Department from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles . Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to purchase a 2022 Dodge Durango for the Emergency Manager from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles in the amount of \$50,665.88 out of the Capital Equipment Reserve fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch wanted to make sure that something was done with the portable corral and the current Emergency Vehicle to help with the purchase of the new vehicle.

Mr. Ewy gave the commissioners an update on the tower progress.

Undersheriff Hillman gave an update on the radios and repeaters.

Undersheriff Hillman and Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

9:34 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she is phasing out most of the COVID vaccine to where they will just have bivalent due to the minimum order of 100 doses requirement.

Ms. Schwartz told the Commissioners that the Health Department will be closed the morning of March 24, 2023 and open in the afternoon.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know about upcoming meetings that the staff and herself will be attending.

Ms. Schwartz gave a update on COVID grants.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

10:03 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to go over the January financials with the Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman let the Commissioners know that the auditors will be here April 4th & 5th to do the County Audit.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to put \$5,000.00 out of the General Fund into the Solid Waste Fund for 2022. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

10:39 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a new deputy hire sheet for the Commissioners to approve.

Mr. Goetz asked for vacation extension for an employee. Commissioners approved the extension.

Mr. Goetz asked for vacation payment in lieu of. Commissioners approved the payment.

Mr. Goetz submitted a report of building permits issued last year in Kingman County to the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

11:08 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

- 1) Ark Valley Electric-Road Crossing-Electric Cable East Jewell Ave in Section 29, Township 27, Range 07 (White).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the January Financial Reports for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed the Solid Waste fund with Mr. Arensdorf.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he received a letter from David Beach, Schwab Eaton approving the bid received from Pearson Construction LLC for

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the bid received from Pearson Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,454,248.00 for FAS 607 & 361 Hot mix overlay out of the Sales Tax fund.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Emergency Manager pickup with Mr. Arensdorf and if his department could use it.

Mr. Arensdorf said his department could use the vehicle if it is available.

Commissioners asked Mr. Arensdorf if he has a vehicle to get rid of his department could have the vehicle.

11:38 a.m. Adrian Harrel, Nextera was in to discuss the damage assessment he received that Kirkham Michael had done.

Mr. Harrel let the Commissioners know that they have put procedures in place.

Commissioners discussed the road damages with Mr. Harrel on SW 70th due to the windfarm equipment using a road not on the haul route.

Commissioners discussed that the road agreement needs to be followed and no roads other than the haul route should be used.

Mr. Harrel informed the Commissioners that tower #37 and #87 will be reconstructed so an action plan will need to be done.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that notification is important.

Mr. Harrel let the Commissioners know that he has been making notifications and will continue to make notification.

Mr. Harrel agreed to go with the Engineers estimate and fix the four miles of road that Nextera used.

Mr. Harrel suggested doing inspections of the haul route quarterly.

Mr. Ritcha let Mr. Harrel know that Mr. Arensdorf will get with the engineer and get in touch with him.

Mr. Harrel left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with a quote for \$1950.00 increase for his emergency vehicle.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a quote increase of \$1950.00 more for the previous quote received for the emergency vehicle. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes for the February 13th, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the February 13th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning went over correspondence received with the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.