

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON March 13, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 13, 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: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Ashley Keimig; Iphone; Heather Kinsler; User 1; Fred Foley; Macay Ewy

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Sheriff Brent Wood.

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.

8:32 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Ed Laverentz were in to discuss the RHID (Rural Housing Improvement District) with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners let Ms. Schrag and Mr. Laverentz know that a resolution will be adopted next Monday which will set a hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. April 24th, 2023.

Mr. Laverentz left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Ms. Schrag discussed the SPRINT grant and that she would like to include a part-time position for 5 years to promote the businesses using the grant. The total request for the grant is \$1,444,843.40.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

9:02 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with more letters for the road project they are applying for it.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted contracts from Schwab Eaton for the 2023 Overlay project for signatures.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

9:11 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss excess equipment they had purchased with COVID funds that were just sitting on a shelf. She had a past employee that would like to purchase their used laptop.

Commissioners asked Ms. Smith to put an email out to all departments to see if there was any interest in the equipment before bidding it out to the public,

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from L. Don Bales resigning his position as the Richland Township Treasurer.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve L. Don Bales letter of resignation as the Richland Township Treasurer. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a resolution for transfer of Road & Bridge excess funds with Brandon Ritchea, County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R3, **A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EXCESS FUNDS FROM THE 2022 YEAR-END BUDGET OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.** Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Expo Center charges as they have heard complaints. The prices have been risen due to the maintenance and utilities rising in cost.

Commissioners signed vouchers in the amount of \$237,339.59.

9:27 a.m. John Fischer and family were in to discuss issues that he had and continues to have with the sheriff's department and the harassment that he feels that he has received.

Mr. Fischer went over instances that have happened over time and the effect it has had on him and his family.

Ms. Fischer discussed her husband's death with the commissioners and that his death was not a suicide but a medical issue by the doctors report.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Fischer know that he appreciates that he has come in to let them know what has been happening.

Mr. Fischer let them know that they are the only ones who can request KBI to come in to investigate the problem.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Fischer to get him a number to contact and he will look into it.

Mr. Fischer, Mr. Fischer and Ms. Fischer left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

9:47 a.m. Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with the state spraying contract for signatures.

Mr. Leroux asked the Commissioners if they would like him to hold a Household Hazardous Waste collection day during the City Cleanup.

Mr. Leroux would like it to be held at the Noxious Weed building instead of at the Expo Center so people will know where they can take items.

Commissioners agreed that it would be a good thing to hold it at the Noxious Weed Building during the City Cleanup.

Mr. Leroux left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

9:58 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to let the Commissioners know that PILT money is going into the Sheriff's Equipment fund annually in the amount of \$3500.00 and wanted to know if they want it to continue to go into that fund.

Commissioners agreed that the PILT money would continue to go into the Sheriff Equipment fund.

Ms. Stegman went over the February financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted a quote from Lathem in the amount of \$2226.50 to replace the six County timeclocks as the current ones are old and had some issues.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a quote from Lathem in the amount of \$2,226.20 to replace all six time clock terminals. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:30 a.m. Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that there are some updates needed for the programs.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that he has held interviews for dispatchers and deputies.

Sheriff Wood presented the monthly department report for the Commissioners to review.

Sheriff Wood presented new uniform idea to the Commissioners for the department.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Henning presented a Cereal Malt Beverage license for The Outpost at Cheney Lake for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for The Outpost at Cheney Lake. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes for the March 6, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the March 6, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said he appreciates that they are being frugal but when someone comes in and asks to hire someone to promote marketing.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that it would only be for a period of 5 years.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the KCCA membership for 2023. 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 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.