

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON March 27, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 27, 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; Ed Laverentz, Martin Lohrke; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy; Robert Casad.

Online Visitors: Bryan Young, Heather Kinsler, Caller 01 and KS

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public Comment.

Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire Chief asked if they had a time frame on the status of the tower construction.

Commissioner Henning let Mr. Lohrke know that the company was waiting for testing.

Mr. Lohrke asked about the exemption of the windfarms.

Commissioners let Mr. Lohrke know that he should contact the legislators about the exemptions.

Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$153,551.28.

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.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor discussed the Resolution 2023-R5.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R5, A RESOLUTION OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS COMMISSION THAT THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING IN SUCH PROPOSED DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON SUCH MATTER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Laverentz and Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

9:08 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Robert Casad were in to request a rezone for a property and a special use permit.

Mr. Casad gave an update on the bio-methane plant process with the Commissioners.

Mr. Ritcha let the Commissioners know that he will get with Mr. Goetz this week to go over the plans.

Mr. Casad and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a health department report for the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the KDHE Aid-to-Local grant for 2024 is done.

Ms. Schwartz brought in a Health Department/Hospital Vaccine Storage Agreement to be signed.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Vaccine Storage Agreement with Kingman Hospital. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a quote for the garage door at the storage building.

Commissioners would like Ms. Schwartz to wait on fixing the storage door until they look at fixing the building for storage.

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 20, 2023, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023, Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:59 a.m. Sarah Carroll, Luke Hagedorn and Eric Ginn with Invenergy were in to discuss the agreements presented.

The Commissioners discussed the preliminary haul route received and the concerns that they have with the route.

Mr. Ginn discussed that they need to do coring of roads.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed possibly having them apply for utility permits to check the roads in the haul route.

Commissioners let Invenergy know that they will not sign the road agreement until a haul route has been decided.

Mr. Arensdorf asked if the fees are to be charged or waived for the boring they wish to do.

Commissioners said that the fees should be charged and not waived.

Ms. Carroll, Mr. Hagedorn, Mr. Ginn left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

10:58 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael were in to discuss the Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for the SW 70th St Pavement Repairs.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on W.3-8.0 (10th St. Bridge).

Commissioners agreed to pay the contractor final payment for 10th St Bridge.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to pay for the fencing to be done by the landowner for \$2500.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS #12.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Solid Waste Management Plan with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved that they reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan and approved it. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg, County Engineer presented the Capital Needs Analysis for Kingman County, Kansas.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he contacted the FLAP Project manager and received an email with the schedule. The project should start late June 2023 and finish in September 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:45 a.m. to discuss an individual(s) employee's performance 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 11:50 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:50 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a leave of absence for an employee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners approved a vacation pay in lieu of time for a Sheriff Office employee.

Chairman Henning went through correspondence received with the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:09 a.m.
Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.