

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/CITY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
ON April 24, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. April 24, 2023, in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center.

Jerry Henning, Chairman
Patrick Elpers, Commissioner
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Adrian Harrel, Kingman City Mayor
Sean Wallace, City Commissioner
Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner
Stan Hacker, City Commissioner
Jon Wollen, City Commissioner
Cindy Conrardy, City Clerk
Cody Smith, City Attorney
Greg Graffman, City Manager

Stan Hacker gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director

City Mayor Adrian Harrel asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning requested discussion of parking by the law enforcement center be added.

Mayor Harrel added the discussion to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mayor Harrel discussed the contract submitted for EMS, AMBULANCE, RESCUE, AND DISPATCH SERVICE with the boards.

Chairman Henning asked if the contract would be based on costs two years prior to the contract.

Mayor Harrel discussed the reason for that would be to have the cost revenue and expenses before splitting the cost between the City and County.

Greg Graffman, City Manager discussed that the City has on the agenda for their Thursday meeting the purchasing of a new 2025 ambulance. It has to be purchased now to have it by 2025 and it will be on a lease purchase agreement.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that knowing about purchases before budget time would be helpful.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if that would change the contract drastically with the purchase.

Mayor Harrel explained that the County currently is paying towards a new ambulance in the capital outlay.

City Commissioner Hacker moved to approve the Contract. City Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the City with a 5 to 0 vote.

Chairman Henning let the City know that the County would like to review the contract at their Monday meeting because the first time they saw the contract was last week.

Chairman Henning discussed the tower that the County is putting up for a new 800 radio system. The tower will continue to handle the 400 radio system.

County Commissioner Thimesch discussed that the 400 radio system will remain available for departments that need it to communicate between departments and with dispatch.

Mayor Harrel brought up the next item on the agenda which was the US Hwy 54 bypass.

Chairman Henning discussed that he just wanted to make sure that the City and the County were still on the same page about the bypass.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed how important it is that the County and City continue to remain on the same page to get the process rolling. Also, Commissioner Thimesch wanted to let the City know that it is important to attend the district meetings with KDOT.

City & County Commissioners agreed that they are still on the same page with the US Hwy 54 bypass.

Mayor Harrel asked Chairman Henning about the request for parking.

Chairman Henning would like to see if angled parking can be put West of the Law Enforcement Center instead of parallel parking to help with lack of parking available.

Mayor Harrel and City Commissioners did not see a problem with it but would have to check with the City Police Chief to see if it can be done.

MOTION: City Commissioner Hacker moved to adjourn the City meeting at 6:56 p.m. City Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the City Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the County Commission meeting at 6:56 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.