

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON May 15th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 15th, 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.

Brandon Ritcha gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Ezra Olson; Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director and Carol Voran.

Online Visitors: Kingman EMS; Leslie Schrag; Susan Hubbell; David Lux; Danny McDorman; Fred Foley; Julie Lyon; Mayor Harrel; Macay Ewy; Caller 01; Bryan G. Young; Shanna Henry; Caller 02; Zach; Caller 03; Appraiser's Office; viewer; Joyce and L. Kelly.

Staff: Amber Hartley, Appraiser; 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.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk would like to add some time for discussion of Health Insurance.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of Health Insurance. 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.

Larry Landwehr discussed that EMS cannot request an open check book.

8:35 a.m. Ezra Olson was in to discuss his NRP and asked for the Commissioners to approve him staying on the program.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve that Mr. Olson remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Olson left the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privilege with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:45 a.m. 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. with no decision made.

9:00 a.m. Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in with a department update. Ms. Hartley let the Commissioners know that she is waiting on a few Oil & Gas operators to finish values and she will be certifying values soon to the County Clerk.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

9:11 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review April financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman discussed that Ark Valley had submitted a request for an easement for utilities for the 911 tower. Commissioners would like to talk to Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager about that as the utilities should have been established there already.

9:57 a.m. Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director was to visit with the County Commissioners and answer any questions they may have.

Ms. Bartel let the Commissioners know that their run numbers were up last year.

Ms. Bartel let the Commissioners know that Norwich is a fully licensed Ambulance service and transports can be done.

Ms. Bartel left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Bill Vanlandingham presented the Commissioners with invitations to the Kingman Hall of Honor celebration.

Commissioners signed the following abatement:

ABATEMENT	
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10:14 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the Ark Valley request for an easement.

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

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

10:18 a.m. Carol Voran was in to discuss comments made by Chairman Henning saying that vacations were taken to look at jails. Ms. Voran let them know that she did not get paid to go to look at these jails but it would have been justified if it had been.

Ms. Voran let Chairman Henning know that what he said last week could be construed as slander.

Ms. Voran asked if Chairman Henning would keep his prayers respectful of God.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Voran know that he has his own personal relationship with God and he will pray the way he wants.

Ms. Voran thanked the Commissioners for listening and left the meeting at 10:31a.m.

10:32 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to get a resolution approved for zoning district classification change.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve **Resolution 2023-R6, A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38.** Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed that there is a zoning meeting next week with Robert Casad for the biomethane plant rezone from ag to heavy industrial and let the Commissioners know that he would like to know about the cost of an entry way into the property possibly before next week.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. John Ludlum for a greenhouse.
2. Dallas Hageman for a House in Section 17, Township 29, Range 08W.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk reviewed Health Insurance information with Mr. Goetz and the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

11:19 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits for approval:

1. SC Telcom-Fiber Optic Cable-Road Crossing-Section 32 & 33, Township 29, Range 05W(Dresden).
2. Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. DBA Haviland Broadband to Lay fiber optic cable between Sections 28-29 & 32 & 33, Township 29, Range 05W(Allen).

Mr. Arensdorf presented April financial reports for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that they got the crack repair done on FAS #12 and the Final Walk Thru on May 18, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Chairman Henning read a budget request from Arrowhead West for \$60,525.00 for 2024 budget year.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 8th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the May 8th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the one-time charge of \$500.00 for an adapter for all call and a recurring \$10.00 charge per month from Ideatek. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed correspondence from the Health Nurse on a sign for in front of the building and panic buttons.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:51 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.