

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON June 26th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 26th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman

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; Aaron Brinkerhoff, Washington Mutual; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Michelle Vakulenko, BC/BS; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher; Sharon James; Amanda Nailleux; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy; Eric Gunther, Invenergy and Matthew Wright.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Shanna Henry.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Matt Ricke, County Attorney.

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

No additions were made.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments were made.

8:30 a.m. Aaron Brinkerhoff, Washington Mutual was in to request being able to present life insurance for the County Employees.

Commissioners would like to wait for Commissioner Elpers to return before making a decision.

Mr. Brinkerhoff left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

8:45 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the Accelerator Grant she had wrote for Childcare was awarded in the amount of \$674,027.00.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

8:48 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to discuss that Leslie Mangus is requesting an NRP extension which would be the first one requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the NRP extension for Leslie E. Mangus as it is the first request. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioner.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the Expo Center with Matthew Wright who was attending the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the June 19th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

9:11 a.m. Michelle Vakulenko, BC/BS and Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher were in to go over the BC/BS renewal information with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to opt in to the FlexAccess Program for BC/BS. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Vakulenko discussed Virta Health with the Commissioners and explained that it could help employees with Diabetes Type 2 reverse their diabetes diagnosis.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Virta Health for County Employees. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the BC/BS renewal for Sept. 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote by the Commissioners.

Mr. Gilson presented a life insurance quote for portable insurance.

Ms. Vakulenko, Mr. Goetz and Mr. Gilson left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

10:03 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with Ninnescah Valley Bank Paperwork for Commissioner signatures.

Commissioners signed the paperwork.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

10:05 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review 2024 budget numbers with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

10:43 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to update the Commissioners and requested an executive session for non-elected personnel for evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:46 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation 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 10:56 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:56 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Goetz discussed a sign being requested to be put in the County right of way and if the Commissioners and Charles Arensdorf were okay with it.

The Commissioners were okay with the sign being place in the county right of way.

11:02 a.m. Sharon James and Amanda Nailleux were in to discuss the Core Community and everyone that helps make it successful.

Ms. James and Ms. Nailleux left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Henning recessed the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Henning reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on bridge repair for D.0-6.2 East & North of Cunningham.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP Project and start next week right after the 4th of July.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Tower construction has started at the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf and Tanner Yost discussed the SW 70 Repair and submitted a request for bid notice to be placed in the newspaper and on the County website.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Yost left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

11:52 a.m. Matt Ricke, County Attorney was in to update the Commissioners on his office and the cases.

Mr. Ricke discussed that he received the bill for a criminal case that the state worked and his budget may be over due to the amount of the bill.

Mr. Ricke left the meeting at 12:06 a.m.

Chairman Henning discussed correspondence from Kenneth Shipley resigning from Allen Township.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Kenneth Shipley's resignation from Allen Township and to have Weston Winter fill the position. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a quote received for water filters to be installed on the water fountains in the Courthouse and the Health Department.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote for water filters for the water fountains in the Courthouse and Health Department for \$1200.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the stalls at the Expo Center need to be taken down and that he received a call from the Livestock Committee and they discussed the stalls.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS

2023000078	-192.30
2023000079	-762.30
2023000080	-4215.20
2023000081	-207.16
2023000082	-155.90
2023000083	-161.34

Chairman Henning recessed the board meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Chairman Henning reconvened the board meeting at 1:09 p.m.

1:09 p.m. Sarah Carroll, Luke Hagedorn and Eric Gunther with Invenergy were in to discuss the road access and repair agreement Exhibit "A" Action Plan submitted to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Carroll suggested having a meeting with Westwood, Charles Arensdorf and Tanner Yost to review the plan and see if the bridges on the haul route can be discussed.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the roads and the concerns he had with the haul route.

Mr. Gunther let the Commissioners and Mr. Arensdorf know that they will bring in three transformers and haven't choose a lay down yard location at this point.

Commissioner Thimesch would like for them to ask the townships if they would like the rock used offered to them so they could possibly use on township roads.

Ms. Carroll, Mr. Gunther and Mr. Hagedorn left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 2:02 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.