

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON July 10th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 10th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Stan Goetz, HR

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Brandon Ritcha gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier and Larry Landwehr

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Jason Steckman, Expo Center Employee.

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

No additions were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Chairman Henning 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 gave his opinion on information provided to the public.

Chairman Henning noted to Bob Morris that he was disappointed with the incorrect information in the last newspaper that the mill levy was incorrect. This caused complaints from citizens to the Commissioners.

8:45 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to introduce Jason Steckman the part-time new hire for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton provided updates to work being done at the Expo Center and provided bills of out side contractor work on skid steer and tractor.

Ms. Frampton and Mr. Steckman left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

9:02 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review 2024 budget numbers with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

9:23 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a quote on tree from Fairchild Tree Service to trim all trees and remove dead limbs.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote received from Fairchild Tree Service to trim all trees and remove dead limbs. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes were submitted for the July 3rd, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the July 3rd, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

9:42 a.m. Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to give the Commissioners a department update and an update on the spraying being done on county roads.

Mr. Leroux left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Commissioners signed the following abatement & escapes:

ABATEMENTS	
2023000088	-341.82
ESCAPE	
2023000089	350.98
2023000090	148.12

10:10 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the status of roads after some flooding.

Mr. Arensdorf had a KDOT agreement for RS363-RS2025 for signature and that the bid letting is set for July 31, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on Flat Ridge 4 & 5 and that the Westwood & Kirkham Michael engineers will review transportation routes starting July 10.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the department reports for June so that the Commissioners could review it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:25 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 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Arensdorf and Commissioners discussed roads.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:02 a.m.
Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.