

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
ON August 7, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. August 7, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Patrick Elpers, Commissioner  
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner  
Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Thimesch gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Julie Lyon

Online Visitors: Tammy

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Commissioners discussed that they will have comments only.

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

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr mentioned all the work that Julie Lyon did on the Saddle & Ropers building and that it looked nice.

Julie Lyon discussed how important having an Economic Development Director is and that they have been working together with surrounding counties.

8:42 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss that the sound system had some issues but she believed that the problem was fixed.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that the electronic sign warranty will end in May 2024 and will need to look getting a maintenance agreement in the future.

Ms. Frampton gave an update on the Expo Center and some events that are coming up.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the transfers of \$853,865.40. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that he will be bringing in a resolution next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR at 9:09 a.m. to discuss an individual employees 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 to be discussed, and they will return to open session at 9:16 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:16 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to keep employee pay whole during the one week mandatory waiting period. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

9:30 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss that the CDBGCVR grant and that there needs to be a hearing held and published at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

Commissioners agreed to have the hearing for the CDBGCVR on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that the City of Cunningham is needing sewer and water to keep up with the growth of Cunningham.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-R11, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AS TO FORM A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN WORKFORCE ALLIANCE OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS, INC. AND THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS BOARD FOR THE KANSAS LOCAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT AREA IV AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE SAME BY THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO SAID CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS BOARD** appointing Jerry Henning. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

10:19 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the fuel bids received last week.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the fuel bid from Farmers Coop of Garden Plain. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-construction for St. Leo Road is set for August 15, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that John Riggins from Kirkham Michael Engineer will be in at 11:00 a.m. on August 14, 2023, with the Biannual Bridge Inspection Report.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that status of the FLAP project and that it will possibly be another two weeks before construction begins.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has been putting some numbers together to submit to KDOT for the fall submittal program.

Commissioners discussed the information received from Invenergy for Flat Ridge 4 & 5. The proposed amount is \$3,000 per megawatt with a 2% increase yearly.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.