

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON August 14, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. August 14, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Sarah Carroll, Invenergy.

Online Visitors: Tammy; Heather Kinsler; Kristina Rose; Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03; Caller 04; Tyler Mowbray and KS.

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. 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 mentioned that there has been a lot of talk about Economic Development and heard that we are not getting our best bang for our buck.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the City of Kingman received two MIH (Moderate Income Housing) grants. One was for Ninescah LLC in the amount of \$834,000.00 and \$950,000.00 for Eagle Acres reconstruction.

8:42 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the July Financials with the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed the bids for the air conditioners that were received a few weeks ago from Bell Heating and Cooling, Eck Services and Redrock Services.

Commissioners let Ms. Smith and Ms. Noblit know that they will review the quotes received and make a decision.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Noblit discussed that the server is needing an upgrade and not a new one at this time. The amount of the quote received from Integris IT is \$4025.79.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote received from Integris IT for the Courthouse server upgrade and software in the amount of \$4,025.79. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:41 a.m. Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and new agent were in to discuss the budget allocation.

Chairman Henning discussed that there should be some extra funds remaining since they were down one agent which should cover the 6% increase for next year. The 6% increase will be in the General fund and can be distributed to the Extension office if needed towards the end of next year.

Ms. Thimesch left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

10:04 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Sarah Carroll, Invenergy were in to answer any questions on the agreements received.

Chairman Henning had a question on reconstruction page 2 A.

Ms. Carroll explained the wording and what the intent of it will be.

Mr. Ritcha discussed the 15-day notification period on page 4 in the agreement.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that he talked with Invenergy about the roads being used and that the work that needs to be done on the bridges on the haul route.

Chairman Henning discussed the road use agreement and that it needs to be approved before the road action plan can be started.

Ms. Carroll said that once they get the agreements signed they can work with Kirkham Michael on the bridge and road needs.

Commissioners discussed that they will talk with Mr. Ritcha and he will get the information to Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll left the meeting.

11:06 a.m. Mr. Goetz submitted a resolution change.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R12, **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 Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

11:21 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss a request received last week and asked to do a safety study on the midway intersection.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to have KDOT do a safety study at midway intersection. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction for 363-2025 Overlay on the 15th of August, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction for SW 70 St. repair will be on the 16th of August, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the FAS 363-2025 overlay contracts for signatures.

John Riggins, Kirkham Michael was in with the off-system bridge report and reviewed it with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Riggins left the meeting at 12:15 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the August 7, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the August 7, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege with Brandon Ritcha at 12:20 p.m. and return to regular session in the board meeting room at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege with Brandon Ritcha at 12:40 p.m. and return to regular session in the board meeting room at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:55 p.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R13, **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE 2023 KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION.** Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Bell for new air conditioners for the Treasurer and County Clerk office for \$7,750.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:15p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.