

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON August 24, 2015

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on August 24, 2015. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson
Carol Voran, Commissioner
John Steffen, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk

John Caton, County Counselor, was present.

Visitors: Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health; Kevin Martin-Nisly, Horizons Mental Health; Tom Kostner; Greg Ellis; John Kostner and Leon Sowers.

Staff: Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director; Jeff Cox, Recycle Center; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse, Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Fred Simon, Emergency Preparedness Director; Brandon Ritcha, Assistant County Attorney and Sheriff Randy Hill.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Chairperson Foley asked whether there were additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Foley would like to add discussion on the LEC (Law Enforcement Center), Commissioner Voran would like to add updates on SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) & REAP (Regional Economic Area Partnership), and Commissioner Steffen would like to add information from Cunningham EMS.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to approve the agenda with the additions of discussion on the LEC, updates on SCKEDD, REAP and information received from Cunningham EMS. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment. No public comment was made.

8:05 a.m. Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health and Kevin Martin-Nisly, Horizons Mental Health were in with a quarterly update.

Mr. Garrett and Mr. Martin-Nisly left the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to let the Commissioners know that the Security Camera wiring had been installed successfully last week.

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

The County Commissioners signed two escaped tax orders #4735 & #4736 in the amount of \$7,106.99.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to open the budget hearing for 2016. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Public in attendance for the 2016 County Budget Hearing: Greg Ellis, Tom Kostner, Leon Sowers and John Kostner.

Tom Kostner was in to discuss his concerns on the mill levy.

Leon Sowers was in to discuss his concerns on the mill levy and why the County bought buildings in the City with County taxpayer money.

Greg Ellis asked about the NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Plan).

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to close the 2016 County Budget hearing. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the 2016 County Budget as presented with no changes made. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Sowers discussed with the County Commissioners about combining townships to help the costs and mill levies. Also, Mr. Sowers asked about possibly doing a county wide system.

Mr. Sowers, Mr. Kostner, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Kostner, Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

9:40 a.m. Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse was in to discuss the parking lot at the health department having asphalt put on it. The commissioners said it would have to be bid out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session at 9:55 a.m. with Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and we will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to open session at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners were in agreement to add eight hours to the part time person's hours until the end of 2015.

Ms. Chrisman-Smith left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed and approved county vouchers in the amount of \$145,907.71.

10:05 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and discussed a road that will be turned over to a township. Commissioners informed Mr. Arensdorf about the discussion that was made during the budget hearing about going to a county wide system.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

10:23 a.m. Fred Simon, Emergency Management Director and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director were in with Resolution 2015-R10 and discussed properties that are nuisances within the County. Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that these nuisances fall within the Resolution guidelines.

Mr. Goetz submitted a complaint from the EEOC (Equal Employee Opportunity Commission) on a former employee.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to have Mr. Goetz move forward and enter into mediation for the EEOC complaint. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz had a zoning permit for the following:

1. Daniel Wilson for a gazebo in the SE4 of Section 35, Township 27, Range 7 W (Ninnescah).

Mr. Goetz discussed with the Commissioners the County Health benefits. Commissioners would like to keep the 3% general increase, reduce the stipend by \$30.00 per employee and that amount would be put towards the insurance premium.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

11:35 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill and Brandon Ritcha, Assistant Attorney were in to discuss the Romine horse case that the County Sheriff currently pays \$230 per day to board them while there is litigation. The Commissioners asked Mr. Ritcha about Community Service Hours and how they are given to individual(s).

The County Commissioners discussed with the Sheriff Randy Hill what he feels the immediate need is for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Steffen suggested we look at immediate needs for the Law Enforcement Center.

The County Clerk submitted the Commission minutes for the August 17th, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to approve the minutes for the August 17th, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board of Commissioners meeting at 12:47 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.