

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON February 29, 2016

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on February 29, 2016. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson
Carol Voran, Commissioner
John Steffen, Commissioner

Jeffrey Pyle, County Counselor, was present.

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Gayle Dye; Donna Hardesty; Jeff Wimpy, Atwell.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator, John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the County agenda. Nancy Borst asked to add discussion of an item. Carol Voran added discussion of the Fair Board meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda with these additions. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked for public comment. No comment was made.

1:00 p.m. The County Commissioners opened the following chemical bids:

CPS	\$ 48,222.52 total
Van Deist	\$ no total, itemized only
Red River	\$ no total, itemized only
Helena Chemical Co.	\$ no total, itemized only

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to table a decision on these bids until the March 7 meeting so Mr. Wimer can determine the low bid on each chemical. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer presented a County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to increase the labor cost per hour for each operator to \$30 from \$25 and to approve the amended agreement. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer presented a quote to purchase an additional desktop computer for his department. The purchase would be for the tower only. The department already has an extra keyboard and monitor.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to accept the bid from Choose Networks in the amount of \$769 for a Dell OptiPlex 7020 machine. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The commission received a request from District Judge Larry Solomon to use the commission room for his regular motion docket on May 18. A jury trial being held at that time will be heard by another judge and will occupy most of the court space on the third floor. Commissioners approved the request.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, met with commissioners about several items. He presented an inspection contract for the Spivey overlay project. The county counselor will review the contract, which specifies a cost not to exceed \$41,900. The contract will be finalized after this review.

Mr. Arensdorf presented the January financial reports for Public Works. It does not include sales tax revenue or expenditures. The current balance in the sales tax fund is \$735,111.76. Commissioners discussed what funds would pay for the Spivey overlay project. Arensdorf noted that the county must sometime this year spend its federal highway dollars being held by the state.

He presented renewals of annual agreements with Terracon for the landfill – one is for permitting and other is for annual groundwater sampling. The county counselor will review the agreements.

The county's annual meeting with the townships is next Monday, March 7 at the Activity Center. In light of that meeting, commissioners discussed moving the start time of the county commission meeting that day.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to change the start time for the March 7 county commission meeting from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate the township meeting that day. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners and Arensdorf discussed a road agreement with Nextera for the transmission line now being built. Arensdorf will contact the company.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to sign a demolition services agreement with G&G Dozer for the downtown buildings at 228, 232 and 236 N. Main in Kingman and issue a notice to proceed. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in to talk with the County Commissioners. He presented an update to the welfare/benefit plan from Hinkle Law. It includes acknowledgement of changes to the county's medical plan to comply with the Affordable Care Act, new dental coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield, eligibility conditions and various other details that allow compliance with the federal law.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to approve this update. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz also presented a copy of 2015 amendments to the City of Kingman's comprehensive plan, provided to the county by city Planning/Zoning Director Tom Archer. He updated commissioners on the criminal court case against Carlyle Ploog. A journal entry was filed in District Court on Feb. 23. Ploog has 90 days to clean up his properties or risk serving jail time and paying fines.

Goetz reviewed a draft of the minutes of the Feb. 22 Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. The Planning Commission voted to change the county's application guidelines for commercial wind farms to set the minimum blade height from the ground at 82 feet.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2016-R-8 to amend the Commercial Wind Farm application guidelines to reflect the minimum blade height from the ground at 82 feet. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Board of Zoning Appeals portion of the meeting included approval of a Special Use Permit for Sempra U.S. Gas & Power for the Flat Ridge 3 CWF. The approval included several conditions that emphasized the financial securities (the road agreement and decommissioning agreement yet to be determined) and noise parameters.

Goetz said he is working on a nuisance concern near Cheney Lake. A house burned there several years ago and items have been dumped on the property. Taxes have not been paid since 2011.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator, discussed inserting information about the proposed property tax lid into the Change of Value notices to be mailed by the Appraiser's Office in early March. Commissioner agreed it would be good to inform the public about the tax lid as proposed. Borst will work on putting together information and will send it to commissioners and the county counselor for their review.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the minutes from February 22, 2016 with some minor corrections. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to lease a postage meter for the courthouse from 360 Document Solutions for \$211.93 per month for 63 months and pay a meter rental fee of \$720 per year and a required documentation fee. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.