

THE MINUTES OF THE CITY/COUNTY JOINT MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 17, 2016

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in a special session for a City/County Joint Meeting, in the City Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman City Building, Kingman, Kansas, on March 17, 2016. Those present:

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

John Caton, County Counselor was present.

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance and Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Commissioner Hacker offered a prayer and City Mayor Bishop started the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Mayor Bishop asked the County Commissioners if they had any updates on the Main Street buildings that are being demolished.

Chairman Foley told the City Board that G & G Dozer has begun the demolition.

Commissioner Voran said that G & G Dozer began work on Monday of this week and has made good progress.

City Commissioner Arensdorf said that the company doing the work has been in his business and are very nice.

Mayor Bishop opened discussion on the outdoor arena down by the Activity Center and he asked anyone if they had any input.

City Commissioner Hacker discussed some ideas that he had come up with. One idea was to lease the outdoor arena to the County for 10 years. Another idea was splitting the cost of improvements 50/50 with the County. A third idea was getting some Cowboys and Cowgirls on a board to let the Commissions know what needs to be done with the Activity Center.

City Commissioner Neville discussed that there should be a business plan and look into the potential the area down there can have on the community.

City Commissioner Arensdorf discussed putting a study committee or a board together to run the Activity Center.

City Commissioner McFarland discussed that the City board should pick three individuals and the County should pick three individuals to serve on a study committee and they get with Mr. Rowland the Economic Development Director and go to the Activity Center area and see what our needs are and look at what needs to be done.

Commissioner Voran asked Mayor Bishop how far would the package go and would it include the armory; does it include mowing and possibly a new driveway?

Commissioner Steffen let the City Commissioners know that he feels that everything west of Highway 14 to the Rocky Dam including the armory should be under one ownership and he will continue to feel that way.

Commissioner Voran let the City Commission know that she has concerns about having a board as that has already been done and it did not work out so well.

City Commissioner Hacker said he would like to have a board with three appointed by the City and three appointed by the County.

City Mayor Bishop asked Commissioner Foley if he had anything to say.

Commissioner Foley asked what the cost of the lease would be that the City is proposing.

Mayor Bishop said he thought it would be a dollar.

Commissioner Voran had concerns about the road between the stalls and the Activity Center during events. Ms. Voran also asked if a road could go South of the stalls.

City and County Commissioners discussed the Activity Center and decided that at the next City Commission Meeting the City Commissioners would select three individuals to be a fact finding group and the County Commissioners agreed to do the same at their next meeting.

After the boards make their appointments they will plan for another joint meeting in one month's time.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the special city/county joint meeting at 6:32 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.