

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 27, 2017. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman
Jerry Henning, Commissioner
Fred Foley, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk

John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Carol Voran, Donna Hardesty; Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; John Hoffner, Kirkham Michael; Deanna Gerhardt; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Scott DeWeese, USD 332 School Board Member and Chief David Lux.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director, Fred Simon, Emergency Preparedness Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director and Sheriff Randy Hill.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Mr. Steffen wanted to add discussion of the White Township population totals.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment. Larry Landwehr said, "Good afternoon."

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that Harper Hospital is trying to do a merge of their hospital district that could affect residences in District #2.

1:05 p.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to go over information that she had put together about the White Cliffs Pipeline tax statement summaries for 2015 & 2016. White Cliffs Pipeline has filed for an exemption of the taxes taxed in the amount of 1,119,417.46. Which would affect the State of Kansas, Kingman County, Dresden-Rural Cemetery, Dresden Twp, Rural Twp, Union Twp, Belmont Twp, Peters Twp, Chikaskia Twp, South Central Regional Library, USD 332, USD 331 and Harper Hospital.

Commissioner Henning asked why this has come about. Ms. Langley let them know that White Cliff Pipeline has filed an exemption request.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and John from Kirkham Michael were in to open the FAS 18 Bridge Replacement bids received from the following:

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| Engineer's Estimate | King Construction | L & M Contractors |
| Total Common \$1,493,782.60 | \$1,054,670.50 | \$1,210,157.40 |

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| Alternate #1 | \$2,148,917.60 | \$ NO BID | \$2,087,125.08 |
| Alternate #2 | \$2,219,962.60 | \$1,649,827.30 | \$1,858,981.80 |

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the bid from King Construction out of Hesston, Kansas in the amount of \$1,649,827.30. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he has received the equipment dozer and did receive warranty on the dozer. Mr. Arensdorf reminded the Commissioners that the Township Board Meeting on March 13th, 2017 at the Road & Bridge Department.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the South Central Solid Waste Plan with Reno County. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the South Central Kansas Association of Commissioner's & Engineers Meeting in Hutchinson is on April 6, 2017.

Mr. Bachenberg updated the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf asked John from Kirkham Michael about some wavy bridges in the County and what could possibly be done to repair the bridges.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Hoffner and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

The County Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the February 21, 2017 Commission Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017 with the corrections made. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to move Eagle Township and Canton Township into Commissioner District #2. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen moved for a five minute recess from 2:22 to 2:27 p.m.

2:29 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director let the Commissioners know that Gary Hardman from Gallagher Benefits will be here next week at 3:00 p.m. with a demonstration.

Mr. Goetz said that Sempra will be in next week for the approval of their extension.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that 17 employees attended the CPR classes held last week and there will be another opportunity in June for employees.

Mr. Goetz submitted a policy about children at work for the Commissioners and John Caton, County Counselor to review.

Mr. Goetz submitted the agenda for the Planning/Zoning meeting that will be held tonight to discuss the Sempra extension. Mr. Goetz talked about the Farrell Case with the County Commissioners. Mr. Goetz

reviewed taking them to court, just let it go or settle out of court. The County Commissioners feel that the zoning rules need to be followed and Mr. Goetz should proceed with filing a petition.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

2:56 p.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in to talk with the County Commissioners per their request. Chairman Steffen wanted to let everyone know that an architect had not been acquired. The board just discussed where to start. Commissioner Steffen said we need to know what we would be able to afford. County Counselor said the needs should be re-assessed.

Commissioner Henning let the board know that they should have enough public support for the project before beginning.

Commissioner Foley felt that it should be something that is affordable.

Sheriff Hill would like to know what the budget is for the project and work on making the needs fit into the budget.

Sheriff Hill would like to talk with Ms. Langley the internal auditor about the funding.

Sheriff Hill, Ms. Kinsler, Mr. Simon, and Chief Lux left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

3:29 p.m. Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director was in with the no-rise permit for the South part of the Kingman Expo Center that was acquired. Ms. Frampton presented a south addition timeline to go out for bids.

The County Commissioners discussed the south addition timeline and decided to have no action taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; and John Caton, County Counselor at 3:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and would return to open session in the Board meeting room at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Frampton submitted a copy of a waiver to provide insurance under the County Insurance for events.

Ms. Frampton submitted a copy of the Kingman Expo Center policies for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Kingman Expo Center policies as presented. Commissioner Steffen moved to second. The Commissioners approved the motion with a 2 for and 1 against.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:23 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.