

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON May 22, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on May 22, 2017. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Commissioner  
Fred Foley, Commissioner  
John Steffen, Commissioner  
John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Donna Hardesty, Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Sharon Kostner, Kingman County Historical Society; 4-H Livestock Committee members Corey Krehbiel, Mike Floyd, Chad Osborn, Jason Belt, Erin Self, Jamie Belt and Loree McBeth; Jake Renner, Kingman County Extension Agent.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Sheriff Randy Hill; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

Commissioner Steffen called the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Nancy Borst shared a request by Linda Langley to add discussion of a capital improvement reserve transfer. Commissioner Henning would like to add discussion of a township position.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Linda's item and discussion of a township position. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked for public comment. Larry Landwehr said good morning and welcome back. Carol Voran shared that the city's position has changed regarding an LEC. The city has other office space available in other locations.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Commission Meeting minutes of May 15, 2017. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:15 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in to discuss renewal of Nixle, a mass notification system.

Hill said the cost will be paid out of the 911 fund.

Michael French has resigned as a deputy sheriff. The Sheriff's Office will advertise for a deputy. Sheriff Hill said he was contacted by Jake and Bill Klaver in regard to the availability of Klaver Construction property in Kingman for a possible law enforcement center. The company that owns Klaver Construction is moving the offices into Wichita.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

8:25 a.m. John Wimer was in to discuss noxious weed chemical bids.

Mr. Wimer distributed written bids from Van Diest Supply Company and CPS. Van Diest Supply Company has the lowest bid.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the chemical bid from Van Diest Supply Company in the amount of \$7,809.27. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:30 a.m. John Wimer left the meeting.

8:30 a.m. Sharon Kostner was in to discuss a budget request from the Kingman County Historical Society & Museum. She shared with commissioners that historical society/museum membership is \$25 per person per year (there are 80-90 members). Admission to the museum is \$3 for ages 15+. The museum also uses grants, donations and memorials.

Recent improvements have included adding storm windows, an elevator, ADA ramps, new sidewalk, sealants on murals, and loose bricks repaired.

The hose drying tower and bell tower have leaked and caused damage to the roof. Insurance will not pay for repairs. Options are being discussed. Ms. Kostner asked the county to fund the museum in 2018 for \$14,860.

Commissioner Foley said he was concerned that an insurance adjuster has not assessed the damage. Commissioner Steffen said he is concerned about taking on any more expenses this next budget year. He asked for information about the museum's cash position.

8:45 a.m. Ms. Kostner left the meeting.

A vacancy on the Rochester Township board was discussed. Commissioner Henning said he was contacted by Greg Woodard and let him know that George Westerman is interested in serving on the township board as trustee, which is not the vacant position.

Commissioners asked John Caton to prepare a letter explaining how township positions are filled and how this situation could be handled and send it to County Clerk Carol Noblit, who then will forward it to Rochester Township.

9:05 a.m. Nancy Borst gave an updated on the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. SCKEDD has hired Steven Wilkinson as the new executive director. The board is still working on purchase of the building. She reminded commissioners of the annual meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 8 at SCKEDD and encouraged them to attend.

Ms. Borst asked about the next step in the effort to obtain a CDBG grant to help clean up the site of the collapsed building on Main Street in Kingman. Commissioner Henning will contact the two property owners involved and ask them to attend a commission meeting to discuss the grant.

9:25 a.m. Linda Langley was in to discuss financial matters.

She reviewed the amended April financial reports, which now include revenue and other supplemental information.

Ms. Langley gave each commissioner a 2018 budget notebook to help them throughout the budget process. It will include department budget requests, other requests, a working copy of the budget, a summary spreadsheet and a wage analysis.

The county's valuation will be done two weeks earlier this year. The county should get a draft of the 2016 audit this week.

Ms. Langley asked commissioners if they want to transfer remaining funds for the anticipated Expo Center project out of the Expo Center account since the south addition has been postponed.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve transfer of \$241,150 from Fund #137 the Expo Center Capital Improvement Reserves to Fund #272 Capital Improvement Reserves. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commission.

9:53 a.m. County Appraiser Rick Batchellor was in to discuss a concern.

Two large oil companies have not submitted their renditions to the county. The renditions were due April 15. With the June 1 deadline to certify, Mr. Batchellor suggested that without the renditions, the county should certify these approximately 80 leases with zero value so as not to adversely impact budgets. He said this has not happened during his tenure. Ms. Langley will ask the auditor for input.

10 a.m. Ms. Langley and Mr. Batchellor left the meeting.

10 a.m. Several members of the 4-H Livestock Committee and Expo Center Director Mendy Frampton were in to discuss wood shavings and clean up during the fair.

The group agreed on a plan to resolve concerns about how the shavings are cleaned up after the fair. Different sheep and goat stall panels also will be used during the fair that will provide more air circulation, better viewing and better containment of the animals.

10:25 a.m. Livestock Committee members left the meeting.

10:36 a.m. Ms. Frampton left the meeting.

10:36 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in to discuss updates.

He and Fred Simon, as compliance officers, investigated an anonymous complaint about a hog operation in Willowdale. Mr. Goetz said the property owner is cooperating and the county will recommend that the operation be moved as far east as possible so it is not in a direct line with neighboring homes. He said the area is considered a rural center.

The Planning Committee will meet tonight. Sempra is coming to discuss a possible change in blade height for commercial wind turbines. The developer would like to install longer, more efficient blades in its Flat Ridge 3 & 4 commercial wind farms. Any change in the county's CWF regulations would have to go through the Board of Zoning Appeals.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint John Nye to the Planning/Zoning Board for a three year term. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion approved by a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Two building permits were submitted by Mr. Goetz for the following:

1. Scott Henning for a roof overhang in Section 30, Township 28, Range 7.
2. John Koerner for a pole barn in Section 15, Township 27, Range 5.

Mr. Goetz said he is continuing to make minor corrections to county policies prior to printing a new book and will continue to bring these updates to the commission.

11:05 a.m. Mr. Goetz left the meeting.

11:05 a.m. Charles Arensdorf and Steve Bachenberg were in to discuss roads.

Mr. Arensdorf presented the following permit for approval:

1. Vincent Oil Corporation-Road Crossing-Petroleum line between Sections 22-27, Township 28 Range 8 (West Ninnescah).

He said he had been approached by Jake Klaver and asked whether the county is interested in Klaver Construction property for public works.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to extend Steve Bachenberg's contract as county engineer through May 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$26,400. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve a consultation with White Township regarding a drainage issue. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf asked for input on preparing his 2018 budget. Commissioner Steffen recommended that the 2018 budget request not show any increase over the 2017 budget. Commissioners still don't know the full effect of the tax lid taking effect with the 2018 budget.

Mr. Bachenberg said he is reviewing the biannual bridge inspection report. One site was recommended for maintenance. It may be added to the next capital needs assessment. He noted that the county has continually addressed bridge needs so they are in a lot better condition than many counties.

11:40 a.m. Mr. Arensdorf & Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.