

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON July 17, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 17, 2017. Those present:

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

Visitors: Donna Hardesty, Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Carol Voran; Melissa Romme, Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball; Gayla Godfrey; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; Emily Clouse, Kingman City Manager and Merlin McFarland, Kingman City Mayor.

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Amber Hartley, Deputy Appraiser; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that she knows that budget times are tight

8:07 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to request putting out for bid the purchasing of chemicals today and have it opened on August 7, 2017.

Commissioner Henning asked Mr. Wimer if he had a current inventory of what he has in stock. Mr. Wimer said he could get a list back to them today.

The Commissioners told Mr. Wimer to go out for Chemical bids.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Commission Meeting for review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the Kingman Recycle Center and the current inter-local agreement with the Conservation District.

Commissioner's agreed that the agreement is binding and they would like to notify the Conservation District that at this time they are not going to fund the Recycle Center for 2019. The Commissioners asked the County Counselor if things change and it begins to have revenue then it can be funded. Mr. Caton agreed that it could be changed.

8:33 a.m. Gayla Godfrey, Rice County Appraiser; Amber Hartley, Deputy Appraiser and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director were in to discuss the Appraiser position.

The Commissioners would like Mr. Caton to contact the Rice County Counselor and discuss a possible contract.

Ms. Godfrey, Mr. Goetz and Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Commissioner Steffen read correspondence received from Judge Solomon.

8:57 a.m. Melissa Romme, Auditor and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor were in to discuss the budget with the changes requested and proposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with John Caton at 9:30 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

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The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:48 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 9:48 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:53 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:53 a.m. with no binding action taken.

10:02 a.m. Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse was in to discuss the Health Department Budget with the County Commissioners, Melissa Romme, Auditor and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor.

The Commissioners asked Ms. Smith about her Verizon bill. Also, the Capital Outlay was discussed on how to keep costs down.

The Commissioners talked with Melissa Romme & Linda Langley about raising the Register of Deeds pay so it is comparable to the County Clerk and County Treasurer's salaries. The Commissioners decided to raise her budget \$3,000.00 to accommodate the raise

The Commissioners reviewed the budget line items and will finalize the budget and will be presented Monday, July 24 for approval.

Ms. Romme and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

11:25 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with updates.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

11:43 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; Emily Clouse, Kingman City Manager and Merlin McFarland, Kingman City Mayor were in with the monthly update.

Mr. Bieghler submitted a 2018 budget presentation to the County Commissioners. The Commissioners asked Mr. Bieghler questions about the rescue truck and what the policies were for responders.

The County Commissioners discussed budgeting \$165,000.00 plus the \$20,535.30 rescue truck payment for 2018.

Mr. Bieghler, Mr. McFarland and Ms. Clouse left the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

12:55 p.m. Catherine Shelton, South Central Kansas Community Corrections Director was in with the Kansas Department of Corrections Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report for the Commissioners to sign.

Ms. Shelton left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

The County Commissioners discussed the Blue Cross/Blue Shield options that were presented to them by the Representative last week. There were five options received with four of them coming out from under the grandfathered status.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve option #3 with Blue Cross/Blue Shield which would end the grandfathered status. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.