

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON August 14, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 14, 2017. Those present:

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

Visitors: Gayle Dye; Donna Hardesty; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Todd Eagleston, Sempra and Zach Stone, Schwab Eaton Engineer.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser; Amber Hartley, Deputy Appraiser; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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. Commissioner Henning would like to give a report.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Commissioner Henning's report. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment. No public Comment.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 31, 2017 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the July 31, 2017 Commission Meeting minutes with the suggested corrections. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Steffen read correspondence received. There is going to be a retirement party for Judge Solomon on August 25th, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m.; Annual Legislative Luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 and Sales Tax, Compensating Use tax for July was in the amount of \$53,593.56.

8:08 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with the Chemical bids received from last week and found lower prices from Van Diest, Red River & CPS on different chemicals.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Chemical bids from all three companies on the lower prices. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

Commissioner Henning let the board know that he went on a fact finding mission. He found after talking to at least 27 people that their feelings about Kingman are not bad.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the SCKEDD dues in the amount of \$1,335.86 for the 2017-2018 year and the Resolution pledging participation by the Counties in the South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Inc. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to open the sealed bids received. Ms. Frampton only received one bid from Doug Rodman in the amount of \$400.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the bid from Doug Rodman in the amount of \$400.00 for the 1974 Truck from the Expo Center. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Todd Eagleston, Sempra was in to discuss Flat Ridge III and that they are planning on going into construction in the first quarter of next year but it isn't set to go but the planning should be started so he has brought a draft of a road agreement and a decommissioning agreement.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director let them know that he would go over the items one at a time. Mr. Goetz asked Mr. Arensdorf if he had approved the construction permit for the testing. Mr. Arensdorf let Mr. Goetz know that he has approved the permit and will have the County Commissioners sign the permit at his time with the Commissioners. Also, Mr. Arensdorf said that any testing done on Hwy 42 they will contact KDOT.

Mr. Goetz discussed that the Planning/Zoning Board would like to recommend that the Commissioners approve a six month extension for a Special Use Permit for Sempra.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2017-R13, A RESOLUTION FOR A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF OBTAINING PPA FOR COMMERCIAL WIND PROJECT PERMITTED BY CASE NO. BZA-SU-16-701, PER ARTICLE VII "S" OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Eagleston let the Commissioners know that the drafts of the Road Agreement and the Pilot/Decommissioning Agreement had the figures left out so that they could review and discuss them.

Mr. Eagleston and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Chairman Steffen moved to open the 2018 County Budget Hearing at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Steffen opened the hearing for public comment.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that she understands what they went through with the budget process and that they did a good job but she would like them to make sure that they have enough in the General Fund to take care of the decisions that they have made.

Chairman Steffen wanted to let the public know what they did was tough and decisions were not easy but needed to be done because of the White Cliff's exemption and tax lid.

Gayle Dye let the Commissioners know that they would of liked some funding for the Kingman Historical Museum but if there is any windfarm money come available they would like the bell back up in the Museum.

Larry Landwehr asked the Commissioners if they saw the front page of the newspaper about the Kingman EMS possible loss of federal funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the 2018 Kingman County Budget. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Chairman Steffen moved to close the budget hearing at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Richard Batchellor, Appraiser; Amber Hartley, Deputy Appraiser and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:43 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 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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11:08 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to see the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf approved the following permit:

1. American Engineering Testing Inc.-Testing road bases in Township 29, Range 10 (Kingman); Township 30, Range 10 (Liberty); and Township 30, Range 9 (Chikaskia).

Steve Bachenberg let the Commissioners know the application was submitted for the burnt bridge and that KDOT has accepted the application and it has been put into the queue for funding.

Mr. Arensdorf had Zach Stone, Schwab Eaton Engineer was in to update the Commissioners on the NW 10 Avenue design.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that they are beginning the Phase III hot mix overlay project.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Stone and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

11:57 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in with an update on the Community Service Department.

Mr. Goetz discussed the current life insurance that is covered by the County is \$10,000.00 and that there is an opportunity to raise it to \$25,000.00. The Commissioners discussed the option and chose to keep the coverage at \$10,000.00 by the County.

Mr. Goetz had the following building permit:

1. Farmers Coop Elevator Co

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Richard Batchellor, Appraiser and John Caton, County Counselor at 12:10 p.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 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:25 p.m. with a decision that they will be going into a contract with Pioneer Appraisal Services for this Appraisal term by resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.