

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 23, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 23, 2017. Those present:

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

Visitors: Donna Hardesty, Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Jake Renner, Extension Agent and Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director.

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the regular Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:01 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said "Good Morning".

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 16th, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the minutes of October 16th, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$234,358.45.

Commissioner Steffen asked John Caton, County Counselor how the tax sale is coming along. Mr. Caton let them know that the title company is working on title work.

8:33 a.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to discuss power generation system planned maintenance contracts available. Mr. Schnittker showed two options to the County Commissioners. One option is once a year for \$625.60 and the second option is twice a year full service for \$1,009.65.

The Commissioners would like the Generator's to test run every two weeks instead of each week.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go with a full service contract in the amount of \$1009.65 and that the Generator will be run every two weeks instead of once a week. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schnittker asked if he could use Tonya Stamm to cover for him while he is on vacation. The Commissioners let Mr. Schnittker know that would be fine.

Mr. Schnittker discussed the Heritage Trust Grant application with the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk asked the Board of County Commissioners if County Employees could do an Annual Holiday Food Drive which would start on November 1, 2017. The Commissioners approved having a food drive.

8:56 a.m. Andrea Wood, Extension Agent and Jake Renner, Extension Agent were in to let them know that the District plans have changed and wanted to know if they would still want to move forward. Commissioner Steffen said if it will not be any savings then there would not be a need to move forward unless maybe Barber & Harper would like to do a District then that could be a possibility.

Ms. Wood also invited the County Commissioners to the Kingman County Extension Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 9th, 2017.

Ms. Wood let the Commissioners know that they will be holding a class on The Basics of Electric Pressure Cooking on November 14th, 2017 from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at the Kingman Expo Center.

Ms. Wood let them know that she has been working on Medicare Part D (Prescription) Open Enrollment which began on October 15th and will continue through December 7th, 2017.

Ms. Wood and Mr. Renner left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

9:18 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in to discuss that there is a Planning/Zoning meeting this evening.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the County Commissioners that the direct deposit options were discussed with the Department Heads at the Department Head meeting.

9:31 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was in with the September 2017 EMS monthly report. Mr. Bieghler discussed that the fee rates will be going up and there hasn't been an increase since October of 2014.

Mr. Bieghler let the Commissioners know that they have had three tours of the station and that they have been using the Expo Center for training. Also, Mr. Bieghler let them know that they have worked out things with Cunningham EMS.

Mr. Bieghler left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Chairman Steffen recessed the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting back to order at 9:48 a.m.

9:48 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director discussed with the County Commissioners that he and John Caton, County Counselor had two conference calls last week with Todd Eagleston, Semptra and Trish Voth, Attorney for Semptra.

Mr. Caton went over what was discussed with the County Commissioners one of the open issues is when the decommissioning of the windfarm takes effect.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Flat Ridge II 5-year decommissioning review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:15 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 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer discussed that the County received a grant for funding up to \$1,000,000.00 with an 80/20 match for Bridge Number 000480751006300 located 0.5 miles south and 2.2 miles west of Murdock. The bridge is on SE 80th Avenue spanning the South Fork of the Ninescah River.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the KDOT project Bridge Number 000480751006300 replacement. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners thanked Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg for all the work they did to get this grant.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that they have sent the letters out to consultants for the North Main project.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:59 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.