

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 29, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 29th, 2018. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye; Donna Hardesty; Carol Voran; Deanna Gerhardt; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dick Neville; Susan Young; Bill Vanlandingham; Bob Massey; DeAnna Gerhardt; Aaron Murphy; Jim Rowland, Economic Development Director; Marilyn Mavity and Donna Gantz.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor.

Chairman Steffen called the regular Board of County Commissioners 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 for the agenda.

Commissioner Steffen would like to add a little bit about the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a little bit of discussion about the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

No Public Comment was given.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the January 22nd, 2018 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the January 22nd, 2018 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed and approved the following abatements:

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2018000072	-99.06	2018000073	-94.32

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$4032.62.

The County Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$273.50.

1:12 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the Midway Bridge tentative deck pour date of February 9th, 2018.

The County Commissioners opened fuel quotes from the following:

	Farmer's Coop Isabel	Southwest Ks Coop Services	Farmer's Coop Pretty Prairie
Unleaded	\$2.49	\$2.81	\$2.80
#1 Clear Diesel	\$2.76	\$2.77	\$2.74
#2 Clear Diesel	\$2.49	\$2.52	\$2.51

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the fuel quotes from Farmers Coop of Isabel for \$2.49 for Unleaded, \$2.76 for #1 Clear Diesel and \$2.49 for #2 Clear Diesel. Commissioners Henning seconded the motion and Commissioner Steffen abstained from the vote.

The County Commissioners opened Truck bids from the following:

Newberry Family Motors:

2018 F-Series SD	No trade \$32,495.00	With Trade \$27,000.00
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Doug Reh Chevrolet:

2018 4 Wheel Drive one ton	No trade \$41,178.90	With Trade \$36,178.90
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MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid from Newberry Family Motors with trade for \$27,000.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners took a conference call from Spencer Tomlinson about a dirt road on SE 150 Ave that is a problem and who would be responsible for fixing the road. The Commissioners let Mr. Tomlinson know that is a Township issue and the County Clerk would get that information to him after the meeting.

Conference call ended at 1:46 p.m.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Commissioner Steffen read information on the Heritage Trust Grant and that a meeting is to be held on February 9th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Topeka.

The County Clerk submitted the December 2017 Transfers & Corrections received from the Internal Auditor.

1:57 p.m. Jim Rowland, Economic Development Director was in to talk to the Commissioners about Economic Development. Mr. Rowland said the website currently has over 400 businesses on it from the within the County. Mr. Rowland wrote a CID for Jonas Stucky (Stucky Services) and The Mr. Hay Grinder Man business.

Mr. Rowland said it is disheartening to have people say that nothing is being done and especially elected officials.

Mr. Rowland submitted a spreadsheet of return on the counties investment.

Mr. Rowland would like to change the budget request from the County to \$25,000.00 from \$51,000.00.

Aaron Murphy, Mayor of Cunningham was in to say that the Love's Country Store would never have gotten to the finish line without Mr. Rowland's work.

Commissioner Henning asked what is a CID? Mr. Rowland said it is a Community Improvement District and then explained the process and what it is for.

Susan Young discussed with the Commissioners that having businesses in town that are willing to help you and that is what keeps her in town no matter what the cost.

Bob Massey discussed how his business started and the importance of having an Economic Development Director and organization is important.

Carol Voran discussed how what businesses bring in helps the valuation for the county then helps the County taxpayer.

Dick Neville was in and he said he has been on the economic board a while and said this is by far the best economic development team they have had. He feels it would be bad to discontinue Economic Development.

Marilyn Mavity said she wanted to know if the Commissioners know that they are blessed to have a man like Mr. Rowland in this County with his expertise.

Mr. Rowland said collectively we all need to work together.

Commissioners agreed that the Appropriation for the Economic Development Board of \$51,000.00 for 2018 will remain in effect.

Mr. Neville, Ms. Young, Mr. Vanlandingham, Mr. Massey, Ms. Gerhardt, Ms. Dye, Ms. Hardesty, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Rowland, Ms. Mavity and Ms. Gantz left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor at 3:11 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and that we will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 3:21 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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3:26 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the EEOP certification and that he will be working on a policy for being an equal opportunity employer.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes of the Planning/Zoning Meeting that was held last week.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Marty Hageman for a lean to shed in the SE4 of section 4, Township 29, Range 9 (Peters).
2. John & Cynthia Kuszmaul for a garage in the E2 SW4 of Section 20, Township 28, Range 6 (Dale).

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

The County Clerk discussed the Recycle Center and that the Conservation Office would like to know when the date of the termination of funding will be.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to fund the Recycle Center through December 31, 2018. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

4:05 p.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review the December 2017 year end budget report with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve transfers in the amount of \$1751.87 & \$755,780.06 for December 2017. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Commissioner Steffen let the other Commissioners know that Richard Kerschen would like to talk to him about the concepts that he has for the LEC.

The County Commissioners discussed SCKEDD and the at large position and the board position.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 5:06 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.