

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON June 25th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on June 25th, 2018. Those present:

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

Visitors: Gayle Dye; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Judy Albright, Council on Aging; Heath Weninger; Dick Neville; Gary Hardman, Gallagher Benefits; Rachael Murray, Gallagher Benefits; Melissa Romme, Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball; Robert Walker; Paige VanHouten;

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Donna Rohlman, County Treasurer; Becky Luntsford, Deputy Treasurer; Amber Hartley, Deputy Appraiser and Richard Batchellor, Appraiser.

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 add an executive Session with Stan Goetz for five minutes.

John Caton, County Counselor would like to add an executive session for discussion of matter subject to attorney/client privilege.

Commissioner Foley would like to add discussion of Economic Development.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Sempra discussion; LEC Discussion and Economic Development Discussion. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Dick Neville let the Commissioners know that he understands the Recycle Center is almost a goner. He felt the money it was making has gone down tremendously and feels the Commissioners made a good and hard decision. Mr. Neville encouraged the Commissioners to continue the support of Economic Development.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know her concerns about the Law Enforcement Center development.

Larry Landwehr is in support of Economic Development and agrees with Mr. Neville.

8:13 a.m. Judy Albright, Council on Aging Director was in with 2019 budget request. Also, Ms. Albright said the Community Service is used once a month to help unload the commodities truck and without that help they would not be able to unload the truck.

Ms. Albright's request for 2019 is down from \$154,723 to \$150,864.

Ms. Albright left the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the June 18th, 2018 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the June 18th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:22 a.m. Gary Hardman, Gallagher Benefits and Rachael Murray, Gallagher Benefits Accounts Manager, were in to review the benefit usage numbers with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Hardman let the Commissioners know that he will be in with renewal figures on July 16th, 2018.

Mr. Hardman and Ms. Murray left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

9:04 a.m. Melissa Romme, Auditor with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball was in with the 2017 Audit Report and reviewed it with the Commissioners.

Ms. Romme went over the Management Letter; Governance Letter and certain pages of the audit with the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Romme also submitted a preliminary draft of the 2019 County Budget and reviewed certain areas with the Commissioners.

Ms. Romme and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

10:06 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that he will have a Planning/Zoning meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Goetz discussed that the panic buttons are not working correctly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and John Caton, County Counselor 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(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Goetz discussed a stipend for Sheriff Randy Hill to take on the temporary job of Emergency Management Director.

The County Commissioners discussed \$1,000.00 per month stipend for Sheriff Randy Hill until the Emergency Management Director position is filled and to have it retro-active back to May 1st, 2018.

Chairman Steffen discussed with the Board of Commissioners the meeting he had with the City of Kingman Mayor Mark Arensdorf about the Expo Center and what was discussed.

Commissioner Henning would like for everyone to do a walk around down at the Expo Center and outdoor arena to see how it all will work together.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

1. 3G Production LLC to lay a petroleum line across roadway between Sections 17 & 18, Township 30, Range 9 W (Rochester).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his May financial report for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed the 0.75% Sales Tax and possible wording of the resolution.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that they are scheduled to start the deck overlay projects this week South of Murdock and South of Spivey.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

11:23 a.m. Robert Walker was in to discuss his taxes and that his property is on the tax sale. Mr. Walker said he was making payments and the Treasurer's office would not accept partial payments but only full payment.

The Commissioners let them know that full payment now has to be paid and no partial payment can be paid on tax sale property.

11:36 a.m. James & Paige VanHouten were in to discuss their taxes and that they are on the tax sale.

Chairman Steffen let the Mr. & Mrs. VanHouten know that the taxes need to be paid in full to be taken off the tax sale.

Mr. & Mrs. VanHouten left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed County Vouchers in the amount of \$ 100,065.48.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
2018000160	-328.50
2018000161	-16.84
2018000162	-222.18

11:56 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director and Greg Graffman, Kingman City Manager were in to go over the May 2018 monthly report.

Mr. Bieghler submitted his budget request for 2019 and it went from the current \$190,000.00 for 2018 to \$210,000.00.

Mr. Bieghler submitted a document to show justification for a fifth full time employee. The document shows that it would cover the hours at peak time.

Mr. Graffman talked about the need for a fifth person and that it would help with response time on calls.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to agree to a fifth full time employee for Kingman EMS. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

12:43 p.m. Donna Rohlman, County Treasurer was in with her retirement letter to be effective July 31, 2018. She let them know that she endorses her Deputy Becky Luntsford to fill the position of County Treasurer.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept Donna Rohlman's retirement(resignation) letter with a sad heart. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Rohlman and Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

12:48 p.m. Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser and Amber Hartley were in to discuss a bill they have received for salt water disposal wells. Mr. Batchellor would like to know if the Commissioners want to use the current law firm for title work or do we want to hire the Title Company ourselves.

Ms. Hartley discussed with the Commissioners about a NRP project that hasn't paid their taxes and they are currently delinquent.

The Commissioners agreed if the tax is delinquent then they should no longer be in the NRP program.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2018-R7 Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Jerry Henning as the Delegate for KAC; 1st alternate Commissioner Foley and 2nd alternate Commissioner Steffen. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into Executive Session at 1:31p.m. with John Caton, County Counselor to discuss pending bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 1:36 p.m. Chairman Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:36 p.m. with no binding action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:54 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.