

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON November 19th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 19th, 2018. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; Richard Chandler, Sempra; Trish Voth, Sempra Attorney and Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Sheriff Randy Hill and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes for the November 13th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes and County Canvass for review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the November 13th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes and Canvass of Election. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed having a meeting with the Reno County Commissioners about the windfarms.

Chairman Steffen suggested having them come during the Commission Meeting next week.

Commissioner Henning said he would be fine with meeting with Reno County.

8:20 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the County Commissioners know that the tax statements should go out Tuesday the 20th of November. Also, Ms. Luntsford asked for overtime for during the tax time. Commissioners approved overtime during tax time.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

8:29 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to go over the budget reports by department with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley went over the sales tax totals and they haven't been this low since 2011.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

9:04 a.m. Richard Chandler and Trish Voth with Sempra were in with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning to talk with the County Commissioners on the agreement.

Ms. Voth handed out the paper copy of the Agreement for Flat Ridge 3.

John Caton, County Counselor let Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth that Section 6 subsection a & b look fine but he still has concerns for subsection c.

Ms. Voth discussed subsection c with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed their concerns for subsection c.

Commissioner Steffen let Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth that he believes that subsection C is not necessary because the rest of the agreement takes care of what is addressed in subsection C.

Commissioner Foley agrees with Mr. Caton and Commissioner Steffen about subsection C.

Mr. Goetz discussed if there could be some kind of compromise to get to an agreement.

Commissioner Henning understands where they are coming up with subsection C.

10:00 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to open chemical bids from the following:

1. Van Diest Supply Company
2. Red River
3. Sims

Chairman Steffen moved to table it until next week to give Mr. Wimer time to compare the item price per chemical and submit it to the board next week.

Mr. Wimer submitted a bill that he sent out for chemical and hasn't received payment yet.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and John Caton at 10:15 a.m. to discuss the County's position in a pending agreement 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 will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:23 a.m. and presented changes that they would like to subsection C of the agreement for the Flat Ridge 3 Windfarm.

The County Commissioner took a conference call with Reno County Commissioner Meagher at 10:28 a.m. about a meeting next week at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

10:31 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill and Greg Schreiner, Kanza Bank were in to discuss the financing for the police vehicles.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the lease document for the police vehicles. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill and Mr. Schreiner left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

10:50 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg were in to discuss a letting date for Rural #2 Bridge South of Cunningham with a possible date of January 28th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed 7-8 Bridge (8th Street) Bid or Hire structure work for improving posing weight-limit capacity. John Caton said it should be done by bid. Mr. Arensdorf said he would have Kirkham Michael do a design build for it.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a change order for North Main subgrade stabilization material in the estimated amount of \$54,730.00 which includes placement and packing.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that there was funding received in the amount of \$6871.17 for the Murdock curve construction.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners said that the County won the approval for repairs to 21st street project by the Cheney Reservoir. That the county will have to have a percentage match of \$312,000.00 in 2022 and the Federal government will handle the bid letting and engineering of the project.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

11:09 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zonning, Ms. Voth and Mr. Chandler returned to the Commission meeting.

Mr. Chandler asked the County Commissioners if they would look at Flat Ridge IV agreement while they are here.

The Commissioners discussed why the upfront payment has been deleted from the Flat Ridge IV.

Mr. Chandler agreed that there are things that do come up but they plan to build Flat Ridge III & Flat Ridge IV at the same time.

Mr. Goetz discussed a board of planning/zoning hearing being held on December 17, 2018 to make a change to the windfarm application guideline of the zoning regulations to reflect a three year extension with an extra three years instead of a 1 year extension.

Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

11:52 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was in with his department's monthly report for November 2018.

Mr. Bieghler let the Commissioners know that he is still looking at purchasing the cardiac monitor.

Mr. Bieghler told the Commissioners that Ambulance #43 was in a vehicle accident in Goddard and he is waiting on insurance to have it fixed.

The County Commissioners thanked Mr. Bieghler for his work.

Mr. Bieghler left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence from Bud Oak declining his election to the Eureka Township Clerk position.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Brandon Hansen to the Eureka Township Clerk position. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen read a letter from Scott Sparks resigning his position as Ninnescah Township Treasurer and suggested that the Commissioners appoint William Tetrick to fill the position.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint William Tetrick as the Ninnescah Township Treasurer. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners received quotes for the County Christmas Dinner from the following:

Sons of Brisket \$16.00 per person

Pratt \$11.50 per person

Krazy Horse Café \$11.00 per person

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to go with Krazy Horse as the caterer for the County Christmas Dinner. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners said they would like to defer the fence viewing complaint another week. Commissioner Foley let the board know that he will talk with Mr. Brown.

12:19 p.m. Stan Goetz was in to discuss the upcoming department appraisal.

Mr. Goetz requested extending the time to use his vacation.

The County Commissioners agreed that Mr. Goetz could extend his time to use his vacation.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.