

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 18th, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 18th, 2019. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran and Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier;

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting 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 to the agenda.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that she had questions on the current Fire Department response times for the Norwich area are too long and that the homeowners insurance premiums are very high. Ms. Voran would like to see if the lines for the fire districts could be re-aligned.

Ms. Voran also has concern that the Spivey Fire Department doesn't disclose their financials and the equitable use of funding.

Larry Landwehr discussed that being held accountable can help get things done.

Commissioner Henning said that we should not be telling the Townships what to do on funding for the Township.

1:17 p.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to request vacation extension of his 32.5 hours. Commissioners approved the extension of vacation.

Mr. Schnittker let the Commissioners know that he will have a Community Service worker that will be building some shelving for the Commission room.

Mr. Schnittker left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 11th, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approved the March 11th, 2019 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

1:31 p.m. John Caton, County Counselor on Conference Call to talk with the County Commissioners about the Phase II and Phase III for the Law Enforcement Center design build. Mr. Caton said it should be done in public session.

Chairman Steffen wanted to know how to get the available property for sale.

There is a statute that is used to follow. The lots on main street would be sold in individual lots for economic development.

Commissioner Henning asked do we have to sell the lots at fair market value.

Mr. Caton discussed statutes we currently have to work with and that it gives guidelines to go by.

Carol Voran wanted to know if they can restrict the use of the property when sold.

Chairman Steffen wanted to know if you could hold them to creation of jobs.

Financing with industrial revenue bonds can be used as an incentive for a new business.

The Commissioners agreed that the lots need to be put back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that there are statutes that permit the county to transfer property to not for profit organizations.

Chairman Steffen brought up the Norwich Fire District question that was brought up during public comment.

Mr. Caton asked how the fire districts were established.

The County Commissioners would like to see how they were established and what can be done to change them.

Commissioner Henning asked Mr. Caton what is the process to get financials from the Kingman Hospital-Public Building Commission.

Stan Goetz asked if there was any questions or changes that need to be made to the letter of support for Sempra. Mr. Caton said that the letter looked fine.

1:58 p.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the County Commissioners know that she will be attending new drivers license training on Friday.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Luntsford for letting them know.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director submitted a letter of support for Sempra for the Commissioners to sign.

Mr. Goetz submitted a zoning permit for the following:

1. Duane Liddeke for a farm shed in Section 6-Township 30-Range 5W.
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The County Clerk submitted Resolution No. 2019-R6 for approval of the employment of Richard Schott as the Kingman County Director of Emergency Management.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Resolution 2019-R6, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the County Commissioners the filling of a vacancy on the planning board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR at 2:10 p.m. to discuss and individual employee's evaluation 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 they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 2:21 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Commissioner Henning discussed that Mr. Blaha had asked about using the vacant lots on Main Street as a Farmers Market.

The County Commissioners agreed to let Mr. Blaha use the lots until they are sold.

The County Commissioners approved the summary of transfers and corrections for February 2019 in the amount of \$51,068.38.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements and addition:

ABATEMENTS		ABATEMENTS	
2019000080	-415.22	2019000082	-1740.64
2019000083	-1309.44	2019000084	-412.36
2019000085	-124.60	2019000086	-590.02
ADDITION			
2019000081	+415.22		

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 2:44 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.