

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON August 19th, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 19th, 2019. Those present:

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

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Gayle Dye; Daniel Blaha; Ezra Olson, Airport Manager; Scott Sparks; Mr. Shippen; Mrs. Shippen and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting 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.

The County Clerk requested adding discussion on Spivey City.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Spivey City discussion. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit discussed the information that was on Facebook about the Chamber of Commerce and that she received an email from the Chamber of Commerce board stating that they are looking for a new Director.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that she noticed that they raised the tax dollars but lowered the mill levy for 2020.

8:15 a.m. Daniel Blaha, SCKEDD representative was in to discuss his frustration with SCKEDD and if the Commissioners would like to keep membership with SCKEDD he will look for a replacement as he feels that it a waste of time to attend the meetings.

Carol Voran discussed what SCKEDD provides for members in the organization.

The Commissioners discussed their concerns about the Counties membership with SCKEDD.

Mr. Blaha left the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

8:35 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to discuss purchasing six new computers for the tag office. Ms. Luntsford submitted a bid from Choose Networks in the amount of \$5,814.88 and would be paying it out of her Technology fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of six computers for the Tag Office from Choose Networks in the amount of \$5,814.88. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know about upcoming meetings that she will be attending and some of her staff.

Commissioner Foley asked about the Drivers License office being able to do CDL licenses. Ms. Luntsford let him know that is something that the state changed years ago.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

8:44 a.m. Ezra Olson was in to talk with the Commissioners about the Kingman Flag Project that Jesse Stucky and himself thought up. Mr. Olson wanted the Commissioners to know about the project.

Mr. Olson left the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

The County Clerk discussed a request from a Spivey resident on the way the Spivey City Council is running their council.

9:15 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review and update the Commissioners on Financial reports thru July 31, 2019.

The Commissioner Chairman opened the Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

The County budget authority for expenditures is \$10,982,331.00 and the amount of 2019 Ad Valorem Tax is \$7,286,478.00 and the estimated tax rate is 69.099.

The Chairman opened the hearing for public comment.

Scott Sparks wanted to know why there was not funding for certain funds.

Linda Langley let everyone in attendance know that there was certain funds that were combined into the General fund and will have funding for 2020 it is just showed in a different area of the budget.

Chairman Steffen discussed the decision that was made for the Economic Development funding.

Chairman Steffen let all in attendance know that there needs to be someone to go to if a business wants to come into Kingman County.

Commissioner Henning said we get so many boards and he didn't understand why they can't work together.

Mr. Sparks said that he is working on it.

Mr. Shippen discussed problems that they have with the wind farm traffic on State Hwy 14. Also discussed was their 911 address because it is a concern for them.

Larry Landwehr talked about the Economic Development possibly having a store front so people can find them and get help. There is a need for communication in the County.

Chairman Steffen said that what we had for Economic Development was a point of controversy.

Commissioner Henning said why would we need to hire someone to just sit around until something comes along. If we need an Economic Development Director why not call Sedgwick County because they would be willing to help out.

Mr. Landwehr discussed if he receives the Magistrate Judge position he will have to resign his planning/zoning board position and the Economic Development board position.

Jason Jump asked if they were giving a 3% pay raise in 2020?

Chairman Steffen said that they budgeted 3% but it is not finalized yet and it is not decided until around the middle of December if they are going to give a 3% raise.

Scott Sparks said it is up to the County Commissioners to find someone to promote Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to close the budget hearing at 10:49 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the 2020 County Budget. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:52 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the power broom rental and now there is an option to purchase from Berry Tractor in the amount of \$52,665.00 for a 2019 Superior Broom.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Superior Broom DT749, SN 819431, EIN 1188561 from Berry Tractor in the amount of \$52,665.00 to be paid by Road & Bridge fund. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Mt. Vernon overlay has been postponed until August 26th, 2019. The SE 10th St Bridge repair should be complete the week of August 26th, 2019.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that the Rural #2 bridge is set to start August 21, 2019.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an 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 they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

The County Commissioners would like for the County Clerk to go to the Heritage Trust Grant workshop on the 27th of August 2019.

11:21 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss KAC programs for the last two months and to give an update on KAC.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

11:34 a.m. Amber Hartley, Interim Appraiser was in to let the Commissioners know that she has decided to not send out mailers.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

11:36 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a change on the bid for the Computers.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to amend the motion for the six new computers from Choose Networks in the amount of \$6,314.86. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.