

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON December 2nd, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 2nd, 2019. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, The Leader-Courier;

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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.

No additions were suggested.

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

Larry Landwehr said he was glad to see Jason Jump here to report on the newsworthy items.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements and escape:

ABATEMENT		ABATEMENT	
2019000331	-332.62	2019000332	-8.80
2019000335	-750.00		
2019000336	-600.00	2019000337	-450.00
2019000338	-450.00	2019000339	-200.00
2019000340	-75.00	2019000341	-450.00
2019000342	-450.00	2019000343	-450.00
2019000344	-600.00	2019000345	-300.00
ESCAPE			
2019000333	14.00		

8:15 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to give the Commissioners an update on the taxes that have already been collected. Ms. Luntsford asked the Commissioners for overtime if needed during the tax season.

The Commissioners discussed the overtime with Ms. Luntsford and would like for her to only use overtime if needed.

8:30 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in for his performance review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:30 a.m. to discuss an 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 8:45 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 8:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

9:00 a.m. Rob Davis, The Law Company was in with OAC Agenda for Meeting #1. Discussed outstanding design issues. There were no current RFI's and submittals at this time.

Mr. Davis let the Commissioners know that there were change events which included AT & T Relocation Costs, Gas Line Relocation and VAC Location of Phone and Fiber Lines that are used for tracking costs.

Observations had none at this time.

Mr. Davis discussed the schedule and would be giving an updated schedule at least once a month.

Mr. Davis let the Commissioners and Sheriff Hill know that an app with Procore will need to be set up by each of them and they will then get to see all information on the LEC project which includes pictures, minutes, diagrams and daily changes are updated.

Mr. Davis discussed general items, daily coordination; pay application and September pay application.

The County Commissioners discussed with The Law Company that Sheriff Hill will be the contact on changes.

Sheriff Hill, Mr. Riggs, Mr. Arndt and Mr. Davis left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:00 a.m. to discuss an 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 10:15 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 10:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Goetz discussed the closing of a road recommended by the Planning Commission and would like to have the Commissioners make a decision at the December 9th Commission meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed a rezone that was presented to the Planning/Zoning Commission for Farmers Coop Equity Company. Mr. Goetz let them know that there is a protest period and would need a decision during the December 16, 2019 Commission meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed a nuisance in Murdock with the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning Zoning/Wastewater Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 11:08 a.m. to discuss an 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 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. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Goetz discussed a raise in the Planning/Commission member pay. The County Commissioners would like to raise the meeting pay to \$60.00 starting January 1, 2020.

The County Commissioners discussed the Economic Development Director pay and the County share.

11:45 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss annual solicitation for funding from HRRR (High Risk Rural Road) and if the Commissioners wanted to submit an application.

Commissioners discussed receiving copies of all RFP's that are being sent out by departments.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to give a 2.5% pay raise across the board for all employees. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed having trees removed by the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Jerry Henning to get quotes and proceed with the tree removal. Commissioner Foley 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 12:21 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.