
MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON July 7th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 7th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Staff: Amber Hartley, Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse & Richard Schott, Emergency Manager.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen gave an invocation.

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 unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Jason Jump asked Commissioner Henning if he could give an update on the KDOT meeting that he attended. Also, would like to know what and if any decisions were made on the right of way.

Commissioner Henning said the KDOT meeting was held to introduce new KDOT personnel and he would like to see the bypass built so we can move forward.

Commissioner Foley wished they would change their mind and move from NW 10th to Marquette.

Commissioner Henning doesn't feel like they will make any changes because they are struggling to build it.

Mr. Jump asked if they gave any timeframe on when KDOT will build it.

Commissioner Henning doesn't feel like it is going to be done any time soon.

8:41 a.m. Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to let the Commissioners know that they are getting ready to mail ag use questionnaires out and would like to use KOMTEK Systems Corporation. Ms. Hartley submitted an estimate from KOMTEK Systems Corporation in the amount of \$3,132.79.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve using KOMTEK Systems Corporation in the amount of \$3,132.79 to mail Ag use questionnaires. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley discussed the Viner NRP and they went out to check the property and they are only 53% done.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to remove VINER from the NRP program due to not being finished at 100%. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with two for and one against.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

8:48 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss the animal disease vesicular stomatitis and Kansas Department of Agriculture would like a certificate from a vet to come with any animals but not requiring it. Ms. Frampton is not currently requiring it but strongly encourages it.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

8:56 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR and Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits were in to discuss benefits and would like to meet next Monday.

Mr. Gilson discussed the numbers he gave two weeks ago and why he gave the numbers that were given.

Mr. Gilson and Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that BC/BS Representative Michelle Yingling will be in next week with insurance options.

Commissioner Henning said that the County cannot keep paying for the increase in health insurance.

Mr. Gilson left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that they hired a new detention officer for the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that they have a Planning/Zoning Commission Meeting on the 27th of July. They will be discussing a new subdivision in the Cheney lake area.

9:24 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was Greg Graffman, City Manager were in with a budget request for 2021 Ambulance Service.

The County Commissioners discussed the Law Enforcement Center with Greg Graffman.

Mr. Beighler left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

9:41 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss a Façade Program Budget request.

The Commissioners were not ready to commit to the \$25,000.00 request for the Façade Program.

Ms. Schrag and Mr. Graffman left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

10:10 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in with four different versions of the 2021 budget.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

11:37 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a Local Road Safety Plan Agreement for the Commissioners to sign. The county match would be around \$5000.00.

Mr. Arensdorf was in with information from Murphy Tractor stating that they can no longer get parts for the 1988 rubber tire excavator.

The County Commissioners would like for Mr. Arensdorf to look around for an excavator replacement.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

12:02 p.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse let the Commissioners know that late Friday we received our first case. The individual caught COVID from out of County. Ms. Schwartz has been investigating close contacts with the individual.

Chairman Steffen asked Ms. Schwartz about testing and where it is being done.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager discussed the Spark funding with the County Commissioners and the testing done by hospitals.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that when her staff is seeing clients she is requiring them to wear masks. She also asks that clients wear a mask when coming in the health department if they don't mind.

Mr. Schott has given masks to all the restaurants in town.

Mr. Schott discussed the water issue for Kingman City and the Rural Water District #1 with the Commissioners.

Mr. Schott submitted a memorandum for the Commissioners to approve and the Resolution

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve **RESOLUTON 2020-R16, A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS.** Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott discussed SPARK funding and that he has talked with Rich Vargo, Riley County Clerk and the company Witt O'Brien is managing their SPARK funding. Mr. Schott feels comfortable using Witt O'Brien also but will talk with them.

John Caton, County Counselor let the Commissioners know that he has looked at Witt O'Brien and they are a good company but not sure if they would work with a small county.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the Governor is wanting to stay in Phase III currently and she would like to stay as is and keep social distancing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor (by phone) at 12:55 p.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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 1:00 p.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 1:00 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Commissioners approved the following abatements and addition:

ABATEMENTS	
2020000068	-152.90
2020000070	-2930.40
ADDITION	
2020000069	0.00

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the June 29th, 2020 Commission Meeting and July 2nd, 2020 Special Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the June 29th, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the July 2nd, 2020 Special Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.