
MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON July 13th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 13th, 2020. 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; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits; Michelle Yingling, BC/BS and Stephanie Buckman, BC/BS.

Visitors Online: Dana Johnston; Matt Urchell; Kerri Steffen; David Steffen; Caller 01; Jerika Francis; Kingman Leader Courier; Kallie Turner & Joyce Foley.

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.

Commissioner Foley gave an invocation.

8:30 a.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in by Commissioners request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:33 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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:40 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 8:48 a.m.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

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.

Larry Landwehr said "Good Morning."

County Commissioners welcomed Mr. Landwehr back.

8:40 a.m. Sheriff Hill and Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director were in to discuss purchasing a new dispatchers console for the LEC. The submitted a bid from xybix

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to pay half of the xybix quote out of the County General capital reserve funds. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill discussed the problems that started last Wednesday. Colin with the Law Company and Sheriff Hill talk every morning but he is still not getting future information to prepare.

Sheriff Hill presented pictures of some of the problems that they are dealing with. The electrical outlets are not sufficient.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that he will work with all of them.

Sheriff Hill and Ms. Kinsler left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

9:35 a.m. Michelle Yingling, BC/BS; Stephanie Buckman, BC/BS; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits were in to discuss the health benefit quotes for 2020-2021 year.

10:36 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to ask about purchasing lights for the outside of the building that is being sided. There are five led lights needed and she received a change order from Dixons in the amount of \$1750.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the change order for added lighting to the side of the Expo Center in the amount of \$1750.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed wiring being done and the City requested helping with the cost of the wiring.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve helping with the cost of the wiring up to \$2500.00 for the Expo Center. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton asked if the meetings should be charged that have been held at the Expo Center.

The County Commissioners discussed that the charges should be made.

10:45 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in with draft #3 of the County budget for the Commissioners to review and discuss.

Commissioners appointed John Steffen to attend the department head meeting next week.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept option #2 for the health insurance. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

11:41 a.m. Witt O'Brien representative Dana Johnston was online and introduced herself to the Commissioners and then introduced Matt Erchull. Mr. Erchull discussed what services they provide to help with the Spark Cares Act funding and administration of that funding.

The funding needs to be distributed by the August 15th deadline.

John Caton asked Mr. Erchull if there is any performance standards and if the contract submitted will that be the contract between Kingman County and Witt O'Brien.

Mr. Erchull said that the county could mark up the contract submitted and they would review the changes.

Mr. Schott asked Mr. Erchull if they would bring a plan that is prepared for Kingman County when they meet with him.

Mr. Schott would like to make sure people that are applying are applying for the right reimbursements.

Mr. Erchull discussed what services they can provide.

Mr. Erchull and Ms. Johnston left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Mr. Schott discussed that having an administrator for this funding is important.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Witt O'Brien's services for no more than \$75,000.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$18,979.55.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$864,096.06.

12:33 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with information on a utilities buried box and it is in his capital needs improvement report. Ark Valley would like to come in and put lines under ground.

Mr. Arensdorf wanted to know if the Commissioners were planning on doing anything with this box bridge.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that it is a low traffic road and nothing is planned right away.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the FAS Bridge #13 selection for replacement-funded by 2020 cost share program in the amount of \$1,383,000 for construction with the County share being 20%.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the B.3-5.0 Box bridge to start July 20th, 2020.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the FAS 607 Overlay and that it is not funded in this 2020 Cost share program.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer discussed the haul route testing for Flat Ridge III that he discussed with Tanner Yost about the transformer that will be hauled. Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that the 2.5 million guarantee amount for the haul route and he would stay with that guarantee amount.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted an application for Kingman County waste hauling permit for T & W Meats.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to have T & W Meat has a waste hauler. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he had a conference call for the FLAP program.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

12:50 p.m. Mary Schwartz updated the Commissioners that Kingman County has 4 cases currently.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she would like to return to phase III and mass gatherings to 45 instead of 75.

Ms. Schwartz submitted an order and a Resolution for the Commissioners approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve RESOLUTON 2020-R17, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS APPROVING THE KINGMAN COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH RESPONSE ORDER DATED JULY 13, 2020 IN ORDER TO RESTRICT PUBLIC GATHERINGS TO HELP PREVENT AND MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE WITHIN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that the Courthouse will be closed back down with only one entrance open with monitoring done.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that she has talked with the County Attorney about something she would like to sent out.

The County Clerk submitted the July 7th, 2020 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020. 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 1:17 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.
