

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 5th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 5th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors Online: Kingman Leader Courier; Visitor; Caller 01; Andrea Wood; Kingman Emergency Manager; Susan Hubbell; Joyce

Visitors: Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Judge Meisenheimer

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; John Nye, Spark; 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 Steffen gave an invocation.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as present. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley asked if there were any public comment.

No public comments were given.

8:30 a.m. Andrea Wood, Extension Agent and Kallie Turner, Extension Agent were in with a National 4-H Week Proclamation for the Commissioners to declare October 4th thru the 10th as 4-H Week in Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve that October 4th through the 10th as National 4-H Week in Kingman County. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Wood discussed that Kingman County has five clubs and they are promoting club enrollment this week.

Ms. Wood and Ms. Turner left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the \$300,000.00 payment received from AEP Renewables and some options to disburse the funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to allow Commissioner Henning to speak with Nashville, Spivey & Zenda on the funding. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to have documents signed to release money to Turning Heads Salon, Cleo's LLC & SCKEDD.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know if they know of any businesses that would be interested there is still funding available.

Ms. Schrag gave an update on things that are happening and that she will be doing.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a new employee for a dispatcher position.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes from the Planning/Zoning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission approved the Smarsh Addition. The planning commission discussed the changing of 20 acres to 5 acres for residential sites in the county.

Commissioners discussed the five acres.

9:45 a.m. Judge Meisenheimer was in to ask the Commissioners if they have any trials if they could use the Expo Center to help comply with the distancing order.

Commissioners agreed that he could use the Expo Center if needed.

Judge Meisenheimer left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Steffen recessed meeting to look at the Health Department Pickup at 9:55 a.m.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

10:05 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in and reviewed the cases for the past two weeks.

Ms. Schwartz and the Commissioners discussed the different ways masks and distancing is being handled.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she received a grant in the amount of \$4,029.66

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of expenditures with the grant funding received in the amount of \$4,029.66. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

10:51 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and John Nye were in with a Spark update.

Commissioners discussed possibly getting i-pads with Spark funding.

10:56 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with project updates on the Dale #20 River Bridge and the NW 20th St Box bridge.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the FLAP Project by the Cheney Reservoir is starting to move. The preliminary development plan was submitted to the County Commissioners for review.

The Project Development Plan has changed from the original plan. The scope of improvements now includes milling and full-depth reclamation of the existing pavement, followed with widening, a 3” overlay and rock shoulders. The proposed scope of improvements will result in a totally reconstructed road for the 2 miles from the Sedgwick County line to Mt. Vernon including signage and striping.

The County’s cost share would be 25% of the project which would range from \$550,000.00 to \$600,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the FLAP Project preliminary development plan. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted an email received from Tanner Yost on Flat Ridge 3 surfacing requests.

Commissioners agree to the request if they can keep the dust down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 11:30 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an individual 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 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

Commissioners approved shared leave for an employee.

11:41 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill submitted a quote for phones for the inmates from Crown

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

Chairman Steffen moved to recess to go look at the Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the board meeting at 12:41 a.m. in the board meeting room.

12:54 p.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss Spark funding. The memorandum of Agreements submitted was from the following for approval.

USD 332 \$52,936.24

USD 331 \$268,753.22

St. Pat’s \$34073.80

City of Kingman \$240,517.31

City of Cunningham \$5073.25

City of Norwich \$12794.60

The Commissioners signed the agreements.

John Nye let the Commissioners know that they have contacted 288 people throughout the county. Applicants must make sure that funding is not being covered by other funding when applying.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that Witt O'Brien is looking into how to come up with a plan for the community based funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:32 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.