

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON November 30th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 30th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Kingman Leader-Courier; Viewer; David Lux; Joyce; Kallie Turner; Jerika Francis; Heather Kinsler; Kingman Expo Center; Andrea Wood; Kingman Emergency Manager.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; 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.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment was made.

Chairman Steffen discussed that his three options given last week were not put in the paper.

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

No additions were made.

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.

The County Clerk submitted the November 23rd, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the November 23rd, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session to discuss and employee's evaluation at 8:45 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor 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 individuals to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:06 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 9:06 a.m. with no binding action taken.

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The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:11 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session to discuss an employee's performance at 9:15 a.m. with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser and John Caton, County Counselor 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioner returned to regular session at 9:30 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

9:40 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update on the COVID cases in Kingman County.

There is currently 111 active cases, 4 hospitalized and 4 deaths.

The County Commissioners discussed the resolution they passed last week.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a draft of the notice to send out to the county residences.

The Commissioners agreed to the mailing of a notice to the county residents in the amount of \$1480.00.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the Prioritizing of COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing.

Commissioners let Ms. Schwartz know that just mailing notices instead of by certified mail will be okay.

Ms. Schwartz gave the Commissioners a notice on COVID-19 Vaccine updates.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

10:17 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in for her performance evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session to discuss an employee's performance at 10 a.m. with Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and John Caton, County Counselor 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:35 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 10:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

10:35 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in with a Spark update.

Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

10:56 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in for his performance evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session to discuss an employee's performance at 11:00 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:15 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 11:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Arensdorf had the following permits:

1. Pickrell Drilling Company-Gas line road crossing between Section 19 & 20 Twp 19 Range 6 (Eagle).
2. Cox Communication -Bury fiber optic cable- south side of Section 32, Twp 27 Range 10 (Dresden).
3. Flat Ridge 3 Wind Energy LLC-Electrical line road crossings- No 24 & No 25 between Section 1, Twp 30 Range 10(Liberty) and Section 6, Twp 30, Range 9 (Rochester).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that he will have cash left in his budget that he would like to keep in his budget for next year.

The Commissioners agreed that if he had money left that it should be left in his budget.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed purchasing an excavator because his current one is not working and would like to finance it.

Commissioners agreed to move forward on purchasing an excavator.

Chairman recessed the regular board meeting at 11:37 a.m. to the Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioners viewed the Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the regular board meeting at 12:20 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:24 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.