

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 22nd, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 22nd, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Leader Courier; Caller 01; Carla Hibbs, Norwich School Counselor; Max Clark, USD 331 Superintendent; Viewer 02; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Larry Landwehr; Tammy Miller; Trace Salzbrenner; Susan Boen; Becky Hegler; Heather Kinsler;

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Henning 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 Henning asked for a moment of silence.

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

Becky Luntsford would like to be added to the agenda at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Foley would like to add an executive session about acquisition of real property.

Chairman Henning would like to add a walk through at the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; executive session for discussion of acquisition of real property and a walk through at the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments made.

8:30 Carla Hibbs, Norwich Counselor was on to request usage of the Expo Center for the School District to hold a conference to help students and families.

Commissioners agreed that they could use the Expo Center as it is to help the community.

Ms. Hibbs; Ms. Boen; Ms. Hegler and Mr. Clark left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.
Commissioners signed and approved the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS

2021000379	-68.84
2021000380	-151.86
2021000381	-25.06
2021000382	-56.90
2021000383	-28.12
2021000384	-5.00

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$332,636.17.

Commissioners worked on the go to meeting as people attending online could not hear the meeting.

9:25 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in for signatures to release monies for Desiree's Daycare and she let the Commissioners know that she was waiting on receipts from Jody Markwell before getting it approval for Jody's Salon.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

9:28 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a new contract from Klenda Austerman LLC for Tax Judicial Foreclosure services for Kingman County.

Ms. Luntsford requested an executive session later for non-elected personnel.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

9:34 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse let the Commissioners know that there is only one active case and it is under 25 years of age.

Officially Phases 3 & 4 are eligible now but will continue to prioritize.

Ms. Schwartz let them know that since December 22nd, 2020 they have done 2500 COVID shots.

Ms. Schwartz will be replacing the vaccine freezer and installing an 800 antenna.

Ms. Schwartz let them know that there is a bill that the Governor will most likely sign that will:

- This bill specifies that health officers can't solely issue orders that specifically mandate face masks, limit gathering sizes, affects business operations, controls movement of the population or limit religious activity.

- Such an order, if necessary, must be approved by the board of county commissioners.

- Legal proceeding by (angry) citizens may be easier to do.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2021 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:49 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the following:

- Zenda Road Damage and future traffic usage and repair.

- Future parking lot East of the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Evan #8 RCB project start date has moved back because of wet conditions.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the following Bridge projects:

- a. M.0-7.5 (Booster Station Bridge Repair) will be let summer 2021.
- b. FAS 11 & 12 will be let September 2021.
- c. FAS 13 will be let December 2021.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with John Caton, Counselor to discuss acquisition of real property at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to an exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for preliminary discussion regarding the acquisition of real property and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to session at 10:35 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Jamie Smith, Treasurer employee; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 10:38 a.m. for 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 10:55a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:55 a.m. with no action taken.

Ms. Luntsford, Ms. Smith and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Chairman Henning let the board know that an addition was received from the Law Company for painting of the basement of the Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Henning would like to look at the floor before making a decision.

Chairman Henning would like to recess the board meeting at 11:00 to the Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Henning called the meeting back to order 11:58 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.