

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON April 12th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on April 12th, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Leader Courier; Harold Stark, Cunningham Fire Department; Martin Lohrke; Tab Turner; Fire Chief Drosselmeyer; Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; 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 gave an invocation.

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

Commissioners discussed adding LEC discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition LEC discussion. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:33 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with an application for approval for a CDBG-CV grant for Beat Repair out of Cunningham.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a \$5000 CDBG-CV grant for Beat Repair in Cunningham. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

8:35 a.m. Harold Stark, Cunningham Fire Department volunteer was in to discuss the article that was in the paper. Mr. Stark said the resolution that the county has in place is helpful and works.

Mr. Stark said that he is proud to be part of the Fire Department and he helps Chief Drosselmeyer and he helps the Cunningham Fire.

Commissioners let Mr. Stark know that the article in the paper did not have what the Commissioners concern was. The concern was that the individuals burning are responsible for the fire.

Commissioners thanked the county volunteer fire departments for their work. The volunteers do a great job and they appreciate all they do.

Mr. Stark, Chief Drosselmeyer; Mr. Lohrke; Mr. Turner; Sheriff Hill; Ms. Kinsler and Mr. Schott left the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the steps of the Courthouse as they are needing repaired.

Commissioners asked Ms. Langley if she would see if the Harper County had a list of vendors that bid the steps there.

Commissioner Henning discussed that they made a lot more storage space and office space with the new Law Enforcement Center. The new facility has better security, segregation and safety for the employees without a tax increase.

Commissioner Henning would like to move forward and stop with the negativity.

9:19 a.m. Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell was in to update the Commissioners on the bond market.

Commissioners agreed that they need to move forward with the new money bonds for the bridge projects.

Mr. Cowan discussed the financing options that are available.

Commissioner Thimesch asked some questions on the options for financing.

Chairman Henning would like to use the money reimbursed from the bridge projects to pay off the bond.

Chairman Henning said that the Commissioners have a plan and they want to stick to it.

Mr. Cowan and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

9:58 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update. There are 4 active cases and 0 hospitalizations.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that there is no clinic this week and the next clinic will be April 22, 2021.

Ms. Schwartz said that they will be doing annual school health screenings at Cunningham School April 14th and April 16th, 2021.

Ms. Schwartz presented a quote for the 800 radio antenna installation from Electronics Sales & Service in the amount of \$1286.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the quote from Electronics Sales & Service to install the 800 radio antenna in the amount of \$1286.00 with her PHEP budget. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners asked if the employee that was hired for COVID-19 still be needed after COVID is better.

Ms. Schwartz said that the employee will be needed after the COVID pandemic is over.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

10:18 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the storage of the equipment.

Commissioners would like to work on the storage facility and the county has insurance on the trailers so paying rent to house them is not something that they would like to do.

Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

10:27 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with the 2021 Interest Income summary for the first quarter. The total of interest is \$11,064.87.

The Commissioner asked questions about the financials and had Ms. Langley come back to the meeting to explain the funding.

Ms. Luntsford and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

10:49 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with an update on the property sales in the county.

Mr. Goetz submitted the department head meeting minutes for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Goetz requested a non-elected personnel session for an employee's evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, HR at 11:00 to discuss an 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 11:15 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 11:15 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the Cornejo hot mix contracts for the Commissioners signature.

Mr. Arensdorf informed Commissioners on bridge replacement on the Reno County line on NW 60 Street between NW 80 Avenue & NW 90 Avenue.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the March department financial reports for the Commissioners to review and discussed the Flat Ridge 3 road rock.

Commissioners and Mr. Arensdorf discussed compaction equipment for the skid steer and would like to talk about it later.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Horizons Mental Health for budget request for 2022 in the amount of \$63,000.00.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from The Law Company on final completion and the March billing.

Commissioners would like to wait on payment to the Law Company until the County Counselor has time to review.

Commissioners discussed the abatements for White's Manufacturing and that they were from a conversion error when we changed to CIC.

The following abatements were approved:

ABATEMENTS	
2021000390	-27.14
2021000391	-51.37
2021000392	-53.16
2021000393	-60.77
2021000394	-61.51
2021000395	-69.94
2021000396	-76.48

Commissioners signed vouchers for Road & Bridge in the amount of \$82,383.58.

Commissioners signed vouchers for the County in the amount of \$207,233.98.

Chairman Henning asked for public comments.

Larry Landwehr said that the County seems to not get a fair shake with City. If the City doesn't want to come back to the LEC they are still going to need to use the building so they should have to pay something.

Chairman Henning said that he will get in touch with the City Manager and get some answers on what the City will be doing.

The County Clerk submitted the April 5th, 2021 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the April 5th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence sent from the Historical Society that they are considering the Furry homestead and it will be considered at the May 8th meeting of the historical society.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.