

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 4th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 4th, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Trisha Rowe, Office Assistant; 4-H Ambassador Jayden Belt and 4-H Ambassador Lanie Wood.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Sheriff Hill 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.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No comments.

8:35 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss that he received a request from a County for a copy of the windfarm agreements.

Commissioners and County Counselor agreed that it was okay to give that information to the County requesting it as it is an open record.

Mr. Goetz reviewed the solar power regulations with the County Commissioners and let them know that he will let the Company know that they should come in and talk to the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

1. Peter Clouse for a machine shed in Section 16, Township 29, Range 08W.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 27th, 2021 Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 27th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:50 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluations 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 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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The County Commissioners returned to the regular board meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

9:25 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to request an NRP project extension for Mike & Marsha Strothman.

Commissioners asked if it was the first request for an extension and Ms. Stucky said that it was.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to extend the NRP for Mike and Marsha Strothman. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

9:26 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in with a maintenance agreement quotes for Accurate Controls, Inc.

Bronze- \$13694.60 1-yr agreement

Silver – \$21,821.67 1-yr agreement

Gold- \$28903.67 1-yr agreement

Sheriff Hill would like to approve the Bronze agreement for one year as the system is starting its second year and should not need much maintenance in the amount of \$13694.60.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Bronze plan for Accurate Controls, Inc. maintenance agreement in the amount of \$13694.60 for 1-yr. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the radios that Sheriff Hill presented a couple of weeks ago to possibly purchase with ARPA funds.

Sheriff Hill asked the Commissioners to stop by and he would show them the radios.

Chairman Henning opened the bids received for the following equipment:

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

County Clerk submitted the 2021 County Assessed Valuation for Kingman County which is \$106,667,827.00.

Commissioners discussed the front steps of the courthouse and what the condition of the steps were underneath the rock coating that was removed.

10:29 a.m. Kallie Turner, Kingman Extension Agent presented the new office assistant to the County Commissioners. They have hired Trisha Rowe for the position.

4-H Ambassadors Jayden Belt and Lanie Wood presented the proclamation for 4-H week to be signed by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to make this week National 4-H Week in Kingman County. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Belt, Ms. Wood, Ms. Turner and Ms. Rowe left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

10:52 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with permits for the following:

1. AT & T-repair cable on the north side of Section 14, Township 28, Range 5 (Vinita).
2. South Central Wireless-road crossing fiber optic cable-between Section 33, Township 28, Range 10 (Rural) and Section 4, Township 29, Range 10 (Kingman).

Mr. Arensdorf presented the engineering agreement for FAS 11 & 12 bridges for approval and signatures.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the construction engineering with Kirkham Michael in the amount of 20% of the upper compensation of \$384,009.91. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf presented the engineering agreement for FAS 13 bridge for approval and signatures.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approved the contract for engineering services with Kirkham Michael for FAS Bridge #13 in the amount of \$195,389.30. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know some damages that were done last week.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the KDOT zoom meeting.

Commissioners moved the meeting to outside so they could review the front steps after Mark Schnittker had removed the rock coating.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.