

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON October 25th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 25th, 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; Caller 01; Alan Talkington.

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Sheriff Hill; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse 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. 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 comments.

No public comments.

8:32 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to request NRP extensions for Dennis & Mindy Neville and Tiffani Allen.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the NRP extension for Dennis & Mindy Neville. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the NRP extension for Tiffani Allen. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 18th, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:45 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was sworn into office of the County Treasurer by the County Clerk, Carol Noblit.

Ms. Luntsford discussed that this year the mill levy sheets will be published in the Leader-Courier for three consecutive times.

The Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$6,404.14.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from the Council on Aging.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Horizons.

9:04 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mark Brady, Nextera Energy; Matthew Jones, Nextera Energy were in to discuss the Solar power zoning guidelines and changes that were made with the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners asked questions about the decommissioning of a solar farm.

Mr. Jones let the Commissioners know that they are willing to work on the decommissioning agreement with them.

Commissioner Foley asked how many homes a solar farm would be able to service.

Commissioners let Mr. Brady and Mr. Jones know that they do not know what the agreements with the landowners say but the landowners come to the Commissioners when there is a problem.

Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Brady and Mr. Jones on the changes to the solar power regulations.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Jones left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that there is a planning/zoning commission meeting tonight and let them know that a zoning change will be presented and the board will come up with a recommendation.

Mr. Goetz will also have a 410 hearing for a single wide home with Rachell Beach.

Mr. Goetz will also have a 411 hearing for a next link pole.

Mr. Goetz will also have a 412 hearing for a next link pole with Kale Pickett.

Mr. Goetz presented the current longevity and discussed enhancing it.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:24

10:25 a.m. Sheriff Hill was in to discuss having an assessment done for what radios are needed for Kingman County.

Sheriff Hill had two individuals from tusa to discuss a proposal to provide consulting services for a needs assessment.

Alan Talkington, tusa representative was online to discuss the process they will provide if they do a needs assessment for Kingman County.

Sheriff Hill asked if the pager system could be included in this assessment.

Mr. Talkington agreed that the pager system can be included.

Commissioners discussed the pricing presented in the amount of \$30,400.00 for a full assessment.

Commissioners let them know that they will look at it and see what they can do.

Commissioners asked Sheriff Hill if we could utilize the State of Kansas equipment to start at no cost.

Sheriff Hill said that they will not be able to help with needs assessment as tusa can help with that.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that they will be able to give an idea of 15 years usage.

Mr. Talkington left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Chairman Henning asked Sheriff Hill about an attempted transport of a prisoner.

Sheriff Hill let them know about the transport and why it was an attempt.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

11:01 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open yearly propane quotes from the following:

Farmers Coop Equity-Isabel
Propane \$2.389

Farmers Coop Elevator-Garden Plain
Propane \$2.299

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the quote from Farmers Coop Elevator-Garden Plain in the amount of \$2.299 per gallon of propane. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction for FAS #13 is set for 10/26/2021.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

11:12 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update on active cases. The county has 64 active cases with highest number between the age of 10-17.

Ms. Schwartz said that there is one nursing home outbreak with the county.

The total of deaths in Kingman County are now 15 with the last one at the end of September.

Ms. Schwartz submitted to the County Counselor a document for insurance provider to be approved for signature.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley approved the EPO agreement with BC/BS to be a provider. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a medical consultant agreement between the Kingman Healthcare Center and Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the medical consultant agreement with Dr. Morris. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted information on a grant awarded to Kingman County Health Department in the amount of \$63,000.00 through the "IP19-1901 Immunization and Vaccine for Children".

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:55 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:05 p.m. with extension of vacation approved for an employee.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Commissioner Thimesch let the Commissioners know that he got in touch with Leslie Schrag, Greg Graffman about the building information from the State.

County Counselor let the Commissioners know that he would send a letter to Mr. Wewe for road damages with the extra \$1,000.00 for penalty if they would agree.

Commissioners agreed to send the letter to Mr. Wewe with penalty added.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.