

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

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 22nd, 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.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Rob Frampton, Expo Center 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.~~

Commissioner Foley would like to give an update on the individual who owes for road damage.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

8:41 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that tax statements are delayed due to a printing issue and they should go out later this week or first of next week.

Also, they are available online and can be paid online or taxpayers can come in now to pay or get their totals.

Ms. Luntsford asked if overtime would be approved if needed for tax time and Commissioners approved overtime if needed.

Commissioner Foley let the Commissioners know that he talked with the landowner that had done damage to a county road and he was suppose to get on the agenda which he did not.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed with the Commissioners about Nextlink continuing to move further down the road to be able to add landowners.

Chairman Henning discussed the steps and who had all looked at the steps.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to put out for bid the step repair on December 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:03 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a COVID update for the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:18 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:35 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:37 a.m. ~~Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.~~

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:37 with no decision made.

Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

9:37 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to let the Commissioners know that he has been out spraying bindweed and small trees; took remainder of household hazardous waste to Pratt; winterizing equipment and pulling maintenance; preparing bid for chemicals and continuing training and looking and spraying musk thistle.

Mr. Wimer presented chemical bid information to the Commissioners for next year.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

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

9:55 a.m. Rob Frampton, Expo Center was in for Mendy Frampton to request the purchase of a new chute from WW in the amount of \$3,450.00.

Chairman Henning discussed the working of the arena with Mr. Frampton.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of a new roping chute from WW in the amount of \$3,450.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:06 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor were in to discuss the ARPA funding.

Chairman Henning discussed that the ARPA money should be used to benefit all the taxpayers in the county.

Commissioners agreed that the ARPA funding should be used for projects that will benefit the whole county.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 10:20 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual 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 individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. no decision made.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Brian Schwartz for an enclosed porch in Section 3, Township 27, Range 7W(White).
 2. Perry Frey for a shed in Section 1, Township 29, Range 6W (Eagle).
 3. Zach Loesch for a garage in Section 14, Township 28, Range 5W(Vinita).
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Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Commissioners signed the following abatements and additions:

ABATEMENTS		ADDITIONS	
2021000423	-25.04	2021000422	73.32
2021000418	-50.00	2021000421	468.38
2021000417	-248.64	2021000420	536.80
2021000416	-27.08	2021000419	32.16
2021000415	-6.00		
2021000414	-437.32		
2021000413	-359.46		

10:31 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the Rural Water District No. 1 for a water line crossing on SE 30 Ave in Township 28, Range 7 East Ninnescah between sections 10 & 11.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed a consultation request by Evan Township.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley made a motion to do the consultation for Evan Township. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

