

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON December 13th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 13th, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Sheriff Randy Hill.

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.

The County Clerk would like an executive session at some time during the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session with the County Clerk. 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.

Larry Landwehr suggested that the Commissioners double down on their efforts to save money. Also, would like the Commissioners to look at the spending on things that are not needed.

8:35 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to request an appointment of Sharon Rowan to the advisory committee board for 2yr term.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Sharon Rowan to the 2yr term advisory committee position. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag discussed the Façade Program and the dilapidated Program with the Commissioners and if they are interested in doing it for next year.

Ms. Schrag talked about the possibility of hiring a community development director.

Commissioners discussed that the County is members of SCKEDD and we should use them for the grant writing.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

8:54 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to request an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:54 a.m. with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss 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 9:09 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:09 a.m.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Roadside Inn that will expire 12-31-2022. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:18 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review the department budgets with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley discussed the cash carry over with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley went through the five-year plans received from departments.

Ms. Langley discussed the 4th quarter transfers with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

9:54 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to review bids received for Chemicals that he received from Van Diest; Nutrien and Red River. Mr. Wimer gave a comparison of the chemical bids to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to purchase some chemical from Van Diest in the amount of \$32,287.01 and from Nutrien in the amount of \$10,304.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. with John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director 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 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioners signed the following abatements and escapes:

ABATEMENT		ABATEMENT	
2021000433	-41.88	2021000434	-24.00
2021000435	-21.56	2021000436	-5419.16
2021000437	-1185.40	2021000439	1185.40
2021000440	-37.12	2021000441	-169.82
2021000444	-1314.10	2021000446	-15.30
2021000447	-286.28	2021000448	-1240.70
2021000449	-4752.86	2021000450	-15.30
2021000451	-15.30	2021000452	-334.00
2021000453	-215.64	2021000454	-115.24
2021000455	-24.00	2021000456	-7.10
2021000457	-18.00	2021000458	-93.72
2021000459	-25.20	2021000461	-70.38
2021000462	-61.96	2021000463	-48.28
ESCAPE			
2021000438	5419.16		
2021000442	37.12		
2021000443	169.82		
2021000445	1314.10		

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 10:15 a.m. with Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance 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. with no action taken.

Mr. Schnittker left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that they have been interviewing for the Internal Auditor position.

Mr. Goetz discussed the wellness benefit kickoff that will start this Wednesday.

Mr. Goetz asked for an extension of vacation and Commissioners agreed to allow the extension.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 10:38 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 10:49 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 10:49 a.m.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:54 a.m. with no action taken.

10:57 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with Josh Riggins, Kirkham Michael to review bids received for the FF.4-24.0 Bridge Replacement (#8070511). The bids received were from the following:

L & M Contractors	\$238,039.00
Dondlinger & Sons	\$285,647.00
Reece Construction	\$323,768.29

The engineer's estimate was \$340,080.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from L & M Contractors in the amount of \$283,039.00 for FF.4-24.0 Bridge Replacement (#8070511) to be paid with Bridge funds. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners signed the award of contract for the bridge replacement. Commissioners signed to approve the transfer of funds from the Road & Bridge fund to the Special Bridge Fund.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a memorandum to transfer unused 2021 funds left over in the Kingman County Road and Bridge Budget with 75% to Special Highway and 25% to Special Machinery.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the transfer of unused 2021 funds in the Kingman County Road & Bridge budget with 75% Special Highway & 25% to Special Machinery. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a proposal from Hall Brothers, Inc. for Onyx Mastic Surface Seal on SW 170 Ave (4 miles) & SE & SW 70 St (8 miles) in the amount of \$236,544.00.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that 50% would be paid out of Special Highway and 50% out of the sales tax funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the proposal from Hall Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$236,544.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer gave the Commissioners an update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 11:25 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Misty Jacobs, Road & Bridge Office Administrator; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director 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 11:35 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 11:35 a.m. with no action taken.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

Mr. Goetz, Ms. Langley, Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Arensdorf left meeting at 11:41 a.m.

11:41 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director reviewed his 2021 budget information with the Commissioners.

Mr. Bieghler submitted the EMS Contract for 2022.

Mr. Bieghler left the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

12:12 p.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 12:15 p.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds 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 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:30 p.m. no decision made.

12:30 p.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in to discuss the radio system with County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let Sheriff Hill know that he doesn't want to be in charge of doing the radios and he would like for him to do all the leg work because he doesn't want to do all the run around.

Commissioner Thimesch was wanting to help by doing the leg work and getting help with the radios but if no one wants to help and doesn't appreciate it he will move on to something else.

Sheriff Hill discussed with the Commissioners that he could do the Sheriff's Department and just first responders or county wide.

Chairman Henning said if we are going to do it we should look at it countywide.

Sheriff Hill let them know that he was just wanting a plan when the discussions for radios started.

Sheriff Hill said he would think about the plan and get back on the agenda next week.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Chairman Henning said that he had a resolution 2021-R18 for the Opioid Settlement.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2021-R18, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO JOIN THE KANSAS STATEWIDE LITIGATION REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the December 6th, 2021 meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the December 6th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the League of Municipalities membership.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the League of Municipalities membership. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 1:10p.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk 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 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:20 p.m. no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the board meeting at 1:21 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.