

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Robert Casad, Casad & Associates

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave the invocation.

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the Commissioners know that Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer is wanting time with them at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Henning would like time to talk to Linda Langley, Internal Auditor.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with adding time for Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:35 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to update the Commissioners on the Department and to let them know he has a conference coming up to attend.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that the tax sale date has been set for February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. The Commissioners requested Ms. Luntsford hold the tax sale at the Expo Center.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

9:17 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to discuss the dispatchers pay and the Capital Improvement reserves with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:50 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request a non-

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The Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:22 a.m. with no decision made.

County Commissioners signed the following abatements and escape:

ABATEMENT:		ESCAPE:	
2022000003	-2.56	2022000007	25.78
2022000004	-536.16		
2022000005	-83.80		
2022000006	-51.42		
2022000008	25.78		

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$264,854.37.

Commissioners signed road & bridge vouchers in the amount of \$271,390.06.

10:26 a.m. Robert Casad, Casad & Associates was in to present and file/petition for the Special District for the Biomethane plant in Kingman County.

Mr. Casad read wording from the petition and requested a public hearing on January 31, 2022.

The Commissioners will have a special meeting January 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. to approve the petition and notice to be published in the paper.

Mr. Casad left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

10:49 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the letting date for the FAS 693 Hot Mix Project is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and that there will be bid openings on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the 2022 County Commission/Township Board Meeting is set for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Public Works Maintenance Shop.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that his department put in for the Insurance reimbursement from KCAMP's Risk Avoidance Grant Program and received a check for a tarp to use on one of the trucks.

Commissioner Thimesch asked Mr. Arensdorf if he would be able to mow some right ways where deer population is large and will help with seeing them.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he looked at the request from a township on drainage and found that the culvert needed cleaned out.

Mr. Bachenberg talked about applying for HRRR funding through the state after reviewing possible areas.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Commissioners asked Heather Kinsler some questions online about the dispatch payments.

Ms. Kinsler let them know she would look into it.

Commissioners asked Mr. Caton about the AEP Pilot payment for the wind turbines that were operational in 2021.

Commissioners gave commissioner comments on government mandates.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.