

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 31st, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 31st, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Diane Thompson, Haviland
Broadband, Robert Casad, Casad & Associates; Carol Voran; Tom Kostner; Cari Knee

Online Visitors: Caller 01; N/A; Heather Kinsler.

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles
Arendsdorf, Public Works Director and Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds.

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.

Chairman Foley would like to add discussion of the dispatch contract and building renovation.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to discuss SB125 and SB124.

Commissioner Henning would like to discuss 800 radios.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on
dispatch contract, building renovation, SB125, SB124 and 800 radios. Commissioner Henning seconded
the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:32 a.m. Brandon Ritcha was in to discuss the County Counselor position.

Stan Goetz, HR requested an executive session for non-elected personnel matters for employee
evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon
Ritcha, Assistant Co. Attorney; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 8:32 a.m. to discuss
an 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 individual to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at

8:42 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, Assistant Co. Attorney; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 8:42 a.m. to discuss an 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 individual to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:52 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:52 a.m.

Commissioners hired Brandon Ritcha for the County Counselor position.

8:52 a.m. Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed NRP projects that hadn't paid their taxes on time and if they should be removed from the NRP program.

Ms. Noblit also discussed a Façade Program invoice and a dilapidated program invoice with the Commissioners and what year they should be paid out of.

The Commissioners said that both should be paid out of 2022 and one of the programs needed more invoices to match the request for payment.

Commissioners will decide on the NRP projects by the end of the meeting.

9:10 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse discussed that she is needing to hold a tabletop exercise as a requirement for our Preparedness Grant and would like to have it March 21st, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Commissioners agreed to hold it on the 21st of March at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Schwartz said that WIC is on Thursdays and while the staff RN is training a SKCPH WIC dietician will help see clients on other days.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that Family Planning Clinics are 2nd & 4th Mondays a month.

Ms. Schwartz said contract tracing is ending 2/1/2022 and immunization shots will remain to be given every Wednesday.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that her concern is the quality of service is going to suffer if she can't get help.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

9:41 a.m. Diane Thompson, Haviland Broadband was in to discuss a Broadband Acceleration Grant that they are trying to get for rural Norwich.

Ms. Thompson submitted a map of the Broadband Acceleration Grant proposed areas.

Chairman Foley said that he is for a support letter but the county can not do away with the road fees.

Ms. Thompson left the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Chairman Foley recessed the Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Foley opened the Public Hearing for the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Foley asked if Robert Casad would like to explain what he is proposing with the establishment of a Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001.

Tom Kostner asked why this plant would be different than the plant that was established in Hugoton and is not in production anymore.

Mr. Casad that they were doing Bio-Diesel and not Bio-methane. The plant for Kingman County would be bio-methane.

Cari Knee asked if the crop stocks had to be within the district.

Mr. Casad let Ms. Knee know that there is no restraint for the crop stocks just to come from the district.

Ms. Knee asked if there is an odor associated with this plant.

Carol Voran said that she is all for their company to do this but why can't the corporation do this on their own and not form a district.

Ms. Voran asked if a landowner is in this district can they get out of the district and if you sell your property and the new landowner doesn't want to be part of this district.

Mr. Casad said yes there is ways to get out of a district if you no longer want to be in it.

Carol Voran asked if the plant would be tax exempt.

Mr. Casad explained the process.

Commissioner Henning said that he is not for the district if everyone in the county is charged up to 5 mils.

Mr. Casad said that the landowners in the district are the only ones who would be possibly charged up to 5 mils and it is capped at that levy.

Chairman Foley closed the Public Hearing at 10:47 a.m.

Chairman Foley reconvened the Commissioner Board meeting at 10:48 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the district and a decision will be made at 10:00 a.m. next week during the Commission meeting.

Ms. Voran, Ms. Knee, Mr. Casad and Mr. Kostner left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

10:55 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with Planning/Zoning Meeting information from the 24th of January. The Solar energy application guidelines were discussed and no

public comments were made during the hearing. The Planning/Zoning Board approved the guidelines and a resolution is all that will need to be published with Commissioners approval.

Chairman Foley said that he has put his trust in the Planning/Zoning Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R4, **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS APPLICATION GUIDELINES AS AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS FOR KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS.** Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

11:02 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open bids for the following:

	SKYLAND GRAIN	FARMERS COOP Garden Plain
Unleaded Gas by transport	3.12 per gallon	3.359 per gallon
Unleaded Gas by Tank	N/A	3.409 per gallon
#1 Clear Diesel	3.49 per gallon	3.539 per gallon
#2 Clear Diesel	3.21 per gallon	3.289 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the fuel quote from Skyland Grain. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits:

1. Haviland Telephone Co. to lay fiber optic cable between Sections 3 &4, Township 29, Range 5 (Allen).
2. Haviland Telephone Co to relocated telephone for County Bridge Project FF.4-24.0 between Sections 29 & 32, Township 30, Range 5(Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the agreement between Schwab-Eaton PA Consulting Engineers & Kingman County for RS 607 & RS 361.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Schwab-Eaton PA Consulting Engineers & Kingman County for RS 607 & RS 361 consulting services. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted an agreement between KDOT and Kingman County for a State Detour on K-42, Project 42-48 KA 3879-01.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agreement between the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas, Kansas Department of Transportation and Kingman County. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a solid waste bill for house demolition to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

11:42 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss if she could close her office from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch until her vacant position can be filled.

Commissioners agreed to temporarily close the Register of Deeds office for lunch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 11:47 a.m. to discuss an 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 individual to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:57 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 12:05 p.m. no decisions were made.

Chairman Henning presented the ADAMSBROWN understanding of services for approval of 2022.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the ADAMSBROWN understanding of services. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of January 24th, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the January 24th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the dispatcher contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:35 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.