

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY/CITY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
ON February 9th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners and City Commissioners met in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, Kansas February 9th, 2022. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairman	Adrian Harrel, City Mayor
Jerry Henning, Commissioner	Jon Wollen, City Commissioner
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner	Stan Hacker, City Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk	Sean Wallace, City Commissioner
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor	Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner
Greg Graffman, City Manager	Cindy Conrardy, City Clerk
Cody Smith, City Attorney	

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS; Eldon Headrick, Norwich EMS; Mendy Frampton; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; David Lux, Police Chief; Jamee Hillman, Dispatcher; David Hillman, Undersheriff

Online Visitors: Carol Voran; Tammy Miller and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Mayor Harrel called the City meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

City Commissioner Hacker gave the invocation.

Chairman Foley asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: City Commissioner Hacker moved to approve the agenda as presented. City Commissioner Wollen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Chairman Foley discussed that the Board of County Commissioners discussed the possibility of moving stalls to a new pole barn at the last Commission meeting. The movement of the stalls would give more room.

Commissioner Thimesch said that moving the stalls would give the 4-H room for the sheep stalls and that the Commissioners were just in the talking phase for this. Also, Thimesch let the Commissioners know that the Board of County Commissioners had discussed purchasing a rake to help with the removal of clumps of dirt and hay that the horse trailers make to help the city mowing maintenance easier.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he had talked with Mendy Frampton and the outdoor arena needs some repairs to posts and that having more trash receptacles around the grounds would help with trash being left on the ground.

Greg Graffman, City Manager let the Commissioners know that he had already gotten in touch with Waste Management today about trash receptacles.

City Commissioner Hacker would like to see an aerial view of the area that the County Commissioners are wanting to place a pole barn.

Mayor Harrel said that if the City Commission could get some pictures of the area the Commissioners were wanting to put a pole barn to them that they would look at it.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that she would get them pictures and a map of the area in question tomorrow so they could look at it.

Commissioner Thimesch gave an update on the gate that had been fixed.

Ms. Frampton let the City Commissioners know that the Board of County Commissioners had just approved a new sound system for the Expo Center and that a new chute had been purchased.

Commissioner Foley would like to move on to the next item on the agenda which is the dispatcher's contract.

Commissioner Henning let the City know that they County Commissioners were looking at the contract because the last contract was put together in 2001.

Mayor Harrel did agree that the contract would need to be updated.

Commissioner Henning said that they were trying to get operational costs but other things had come up and no figures had been put together yet.

Commissioners discussed that figures need to be put together before a decision on the contract can be made.

Mayor Harrel discussed that the city should not be paying for half of the dispatching but possibly 38 % as 38% of the calls were city calls.

Commissioner Thimesch let the City Commissioners know that the 800 radio system that they have been discussing will cost more than the ARPA funding that has been received and may need help to get it implemented.

City Commissioner McFarland that the Commissioners should have a capital improvement fund to put away money for these future costs.

Mayor Harrel discussed what would be a fair amount to City taxpayers for dispatching services.

Commissioners discussed that they would look at figures and get back with each board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:39 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.