

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON February 28th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas February 28th, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Angel Cushing; Caller 01; Joyce & Caller 02.

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer

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.

Commissioner Henning and Commissioner Thimesch would like to discuss items during Commissioner comments.

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment.

8:32 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with a monthly update for the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag said that she has had two façades completed in January with one being the Norwich Fresh Market and the other Kingman Hardware.

Ms. Schrag let the Commission know that she has written letters of support for five base grant applications.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

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2022000010	-782.54
2022000011	-680.42

Commissioners signed vouchers in the amount of \$142,294.44.

8:50 a.m. Angel Cushing was an online visitor and requested that the Commissioners to pass a resolution against the 30X30 executive order that Biden had passed to preserve land out of production and it would further effect the products on our shelves in the grocery stores.

Ms. Cushing reviewed the documents she mailed to the board for the meeting.

Commissioners discussed their concerns with the 30 X 30 legislation.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to pass Resolution 2022-R6, **RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL.** Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a letter received from Thomas Bauer about his road on East D Avenue.

Commissioners decided to send a letter to Mr. Bauer letting him know what township he is in and that he will need to contact the township board about his road.

9:30 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with items that she would like to put out for bid.

Commissioners would like to have Ms. Frampton put the chute and gates out for sealed bid and place other items on Farmers Buy Sell & Trade on Facebook.

Ms. Frampton went over the fees that she made last year.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that the City liked option #2 on the map for placing another barn.

Ms. Frampton discussed the rental fees with the commissioners and new rates.

Commissioners discussed the stalls with Ms. Frampton and asked her to look into the funds available and prices for a barn building.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

10:16 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in to discuss the HVAC system maintenance and Trane has been doing the current maintenance on the HVAC system.

Sheriff Hill said that Trane suggested a twice a year maintenance should be done and discussed OMNIA partners which he is a current member. Being a member of OMNIA helps to get the best contract maintenance pricing.

Commissioners asked Sheriff Hill if it costs to be a member of OMNIA and he let them know that there is no cost.

Sheriff Hill asked if he should put out to bid for HVAC maintenance.

Commissioners said they would like to put out for bids.

Sheriff Hill discussed a letter from the Department of Corrections requesting a document with the daily pricing for housing parole violators.

Commissioner Henning discussed the dispatch quarterly charges and why the head dispatcher is not currently 50% charged to the City but just the hours worked.

Commissioners want to be fair in the charges to the City of Kingman.

Sheriff Hill discussed how 911 began in Kingman County and that he has always been in charge of 911.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-R7, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COSTS OF MAINTAINING PAROLE VIOLATORS HELD IN THE KINGMAN COUNTY JAIL UNDER AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 75-5217.** Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

11:10 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss funding for FAS 296-Zenda Road Hot Mix(5.8 miles) and a possible letting date of April 11, 2022 funding available.

Mr. Arensdorf said that funding from Special Highway could be used for engineering costs for FAS 296 Hot Mix project.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to move forward with 5.8 miles FAS 296 Hot Mix to bid let April 11, 2022. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted an update of the 2022 Surface Overlay Program from Schwab Eaton and the bid received from Cornejo & Sons LLC in the amount of \$983,818.50 was the low bidder and should be awarded the contract for FAS 693.

Mr. Arensdorf gave a report on KDOT funding for Bridge X.6-22.0 was denied through the state application process but he will apply for funding again.

Mr. Arensdorf gave the Commissioners information on the District 5 SKACE meeting in St. John on April 7, 2022 and the RSVP deadline is Friday, April 1st, 2022.

Steve Bachenberg gave the Commissioners an update on a few things.

Mr. Bachenberg will have the Capital needs analysis for the Commissioners next time he is out.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

11:40 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to discuss the signing of the contract for Klenda Austerman.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to hire Klenda Austerman LLC to hold the next tax sale foreclosures. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that there will be a Drivers License Examiner for four days a week once the state hires and trains the Examiner.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

11:56 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to remind the County Commissioners of the Department Head meeting on Monday the 8th of March.

Mr. Goetz submitted an extension of vacation for approval which was approved.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that they interviewed a person for the Noxious Weed Position.

Commissioners agreed to the applicant for the Noxious Weed Position.

Mr. Goetz went over the payroll and benefits spreadsheet put together by Tiffany Aumiller, Payroll/Benefits Clerk with the Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the February 14th, 2022 Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the February 14th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning talked about the editorial that was in the paper and explained the County's side.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:51p.m. to discuss attorney-client privilege pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:57 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 12:57 p.m. no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.