

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 7th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas March 7th, 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; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Caller 01 & Joyce

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse 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.

Commissioner Henning would like to have an executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. 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.

Larry Landwehr told the Commissioners about facebook and that they need to educate people.

8:33 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with the State agreement for spraying the state right of ways.

Commissioners discussed the spraying and the time it takes to do it.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the County agreement to treat Noxious Weeds with Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer discussed the meeting that he attended last week and let the Commissioners know that Household Hazardous Waste Pickup will be held April 25th, 2022.

Stan Goetz, HR let Mr. Wimer and the Commissioners know that Ron Leroux has been hired for the Noxious Weed Director position and will start on April 4th, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:50 a.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 9:01 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 9:01 a.m. with no decision made.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:11 a.m. with no decision made.

Commissioners discussed an application for the Dilapidated Structure program.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the application for the Dilapidated Structure program for the City of Kingman. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the transfers for January 2022 from the Internal Auditor in the amount of \$206,094.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Martin Lohrke was in to discuss the radios and that he tried his Fire radio on the way to the meeting and it wasn't working.

Commissioners let Mr. Lohrke know that they are working on radios but suggested that he talk with Sheriff Randy Hill.

Commissioners signed the following additions:

ADDITIONS	
2022000012	799.26
2022000013	12264.60

9:22 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with formal documentation for Ron Leroux for Noxious Weed Director.

Mr. Goetz submitted formal documentation for a Communications officer starting March 7th, 2022.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Floodplain map meeting that he had attended and that the state is reworking the floodplain maps by 2023 and the last maps are dated in 1977.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Leon Sowers for a shed addition at 13103 SE 40 St.
2. Greg Beat for a business shed in Section 4, Township 28, Range 10W.
3. Whitney Rohlman for a shed/shop in Section 4, Township 27, Range 10W.
4. Eric Eslinger for a shed in Section 15, Township 30, Range 7W.
5. Kirk Inslee for a storage shed in Section 12, Township 28, Range 5W.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of February 28th, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the February 28th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:00 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department updates.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the masking guidelines are changing again. Recommendations focus more on severe illness prevention. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

Ms. Schwartz informed the Commissioners that the new desks are in place and should offer the old desks to the county departments before putting out for sale.

The County Clerk asked about the old phones from the departments and what to do with them.

Commissioners said to destroy them as they are not of any value.

Ms. Schwartz submitted applications for the following grants:

- ELC (Expanding Lab Capacity) Expanding Infrastructure ends July 2023
- IAP (Immunization Action Plan) Expansion ends July 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the grants from KDHE. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the State formula was raised for funding opportunity.

Kingman County could receive an additional \$7,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the KDHE State Formula 2.0 Funding Opportunity for Kansas Local Health Departments. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning let Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Turner that the door is in, painted and will be ready to be put in.

Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Turner left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

10:26 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit from:

1. Abe's Oilfield Service for a road crossing-petroleum line- Section 17 & 18, Township 29, Range 6 (Eagle).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted January 2022 Financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Henning let Mr. Arensdorf know that the door is ready to be installed at the Extension office when there is a nice day to install.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed closing the planning for NW 10th project with Schwab-Eaton.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.