

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Deanna Gerhardt; Michaela Divoll, Motorola Rep.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Heather Kinsler and Joyce Foley.

Staff: Sheriff Randy Hill; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; David Hillman, Undersheriff; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

Commissioner Foley would like to have an atty-client executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda. 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 discussed his concern of what people are rumoring around town about the towers in question and that there needs to be more information.

County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$26,965.40.

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8:35 a.m. Michaela Divoll, Motorola representative was in to give answers to some of the questions the County Commissioners have about the tower proposal presented last week.

Commissioners asked questions about radios and the requirements for the radios.

Commissioner Henning asked about a radio he looked up online and the cost was half what was quoted.

Ms. Divoll let Commissioner Henning know that radios online may not have the programming and requirements included to work with the State system.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed having Sam Boos from Topeka come out to look at the landfill and have Charles Arensdorf, Sheriff Hill and one Commissioner meet with them.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he knows they are using ARPA funding to put up a tower but the pricing difference between the landfill site and the Murdock site concerns him. Henning would like pricing breakdown on the equipment in the proposal.

Commissioner Foley asked questions about the greenfield site (landfill) integrated pricing. Sheriff Hill would like to see the two towers be installed without purchasing radios because infrastructure is more important. Sheriff Hill said that hand held radios and mobile radios can be purchased at a later time.

Sheriff Hill, Undersheriff Hillman and Ms. Divoll left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

9:26 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to discuss financial reports and budget information.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that budget request forms had been sent out to departments and they requested them due by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Langley reviewed an estimated plan to retire 2021 GO Bond & Finance Radio Tower Project.

Ms. Langley and Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

10:27 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in and let the Commissioners know that Gallagher Benefits will be in next week to discuss self-funding.

Mr. Goetz presented the Commissioners a payment in lieu of vacation time for sheriff's office employee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:36 a.m. to discuss an 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(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:46 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner returned to regular session at 10:46 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Goetz discussed his planning/zoning meeting that was held last Monday.

Mr. Goetz asked if the Commissioners would like to ride together to go to the AEP meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022.

Commissioners discussed the routes taken to upgrade Flat Ridge 2 wind turbines and if it was in the road agreement.

Mr. Arensdorf said there may be changes and that he will have to check the road before.

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

10:57 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask for an NRP extension.

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

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

10:59 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss the bids received for removal of stalls and dirt work at the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton went over the work that needed to be done as the two bids received came in higher than was expected.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that the sound system is still waiting to be installed because parts are having trouble coming in.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg were in with John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Charles Scott, Kirkham Michael, Darrick Tyler, Cummins and Colby with Reece Construction to discuss the Bridge #13.

Commissioner Henning thanked Reece Construction for using the local ready mix for their project in Kingman County.

Mr. Riggins discussed bridge #11 & #12 will be started once bridge #13 is finished.

Derek Wright was in with a road concern in Evan Township and that the ditch is above the road. Also, there are holes in the culvert.

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

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit to the Commissioners:

1. Black Hill Energy for pipeline repair in Sections 34 & 35, Township 27, Range 05(Evan) & Section 1, Township 28, Range 5 (Vinita).

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on ditch cleaning north of Cunningham, Onyx-Mastic seal coat schedule and FAS 693 Hot Mix Overlay which will be Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Mr. Bachenberg presented the FAS 296-Hot Mix Construction-Inspection contracts for signature.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed his contract with the county and asked if they would like to retain his services for next year and if they do it will be his last year.

Commissioners would like to have his services for next year.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 Commission meeting. 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 and corrections of April 2022 in the amount of \$16,675.11. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:10 p.m. to discuss an 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(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:16 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 12:16 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the radio towers and radios.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:36 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.