

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON June 6th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 6th in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Fred Foley, Chairman

Jerry Henning, Commissioner

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Missy Tetrick, Kingman Fair Board, Lucy Darnell, Kingman Fair Board; Leslie Schrag, Kingman Economic Development Director; Sharon James & Amanda with Core Community; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Heather Kinsler and Jason White.

Staff: Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to give a report on the tower meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the added atty-client executive session and report on tower meeting. 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 asked about the information for the city program posted by the Economic Development Director and wondered why it wasn't the whole county.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know they would ask Ms. Schrag when she comes in.

8:34 a.m. Missy Tetrick, Kingman Fair Board and Lucy Darnell, Kingman Fair Board was in with a budget update and what they have scheduled for the fair this year.

Ms. Tetrick let the Commissioners know that the open class will have to pay an entry fee.

Ms. Tetrick asked the Commission for the same budget amount for 2023 with no increase.

Ms. Tetrick and Ms. Darnell left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

8:48 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to let the Commissioners know that she is working on a child care program and will be holding a movie on June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Schrag gave an update on Sadie St. lots and that publishing on Facebook has paid off.

Commissioners talked about grant writers and the writing that has been done.

Commissioners asked Ms. Schrag about Mr. Landwehr's question on the post about the City program of why it wasn't the whole county.

Ms. Schrag let them know that it was a City of Kingman program and that it is funded by the City.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

9:12 a.m. Sharon James, Core Community was in with an update and submitted a budget request for 2023.

Ms. James discussed success stories with the Commissioners and what has been accomplished so far.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation at 9:36 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:51 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:51 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation at 10:51 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:56 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:56 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

9:57 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to go over the preliminary budget totals and requests received.

Commissioner Henning asked questions about the reserve funds with Ms. Langley.

Commissioners discussed the Extension office budget.

Commissioners asked Ms. Langley if she could wait to continue budget discussion so they could have Charles Arensdorf, Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and John Riggins, Kirkham Michael come forward and talk with them.

11:05 a.m. John Riggins, Kirkham Michael was in with a Construction Inspection Contract for the W.3-8.0 superstructure replacement with Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept the contract with Kirkham Michael not to exceed \$100,917.40. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Riggins left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf presented the following permit for approval:

1. Lumen to replace fiber optic cable along Section 31, Township 27, Range 05 (Evan).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the flooding issues from June 1st storm on south 70th avenue and the damage to the road.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the radio tower meeting that was held on 5/24/2022 and Commissioner Thimesch let the board know what was discussed. The soil will need to be tested before a tower is placed at the landfill.

Commissioners discussed having a free-standing tower due to space.

Mr. Arensdorf asked the Commissioners if they would like for him to have Terracon test the soil.

Commissioners agreed to have Terracon test the soil so they can move forward on a tower.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer let the Commissioners know that there is an upcoming meeting on July 13th and 14th coming up in Wichita that he thought the Commissioners may want to attend.

Mr. Goetz was in to discuss the Flat Ridge 2 repower project with the Commissioners and Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg.

Commissioners want to know if they will fix the roads they use during and after.

Mr. Goetz let them know that there should be two representatives attend the meeting next Monday.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

11:54 a.m. Ms. Langley and Ms. Stegman returned to reviewing budget requests with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley and Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Attorney to discuss pending administrative proceedings at 12:47p.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:52 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:52 p.m. with no decision made.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 23rd, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the May 23rd, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:56 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.