

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON July 18th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on July 18th 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; Extension Board Members; Mike Floyd; Susan Floyd; Keith Baringer; Aliesa Woods, K-State Research

Online Visitors: Trisha Rose; Extension; Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Foley wanted to add discussion of the FLAP project during Charles Arensdorf's time.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of the FLAP project during Mr. Arensdorf's time. Commissioner Henning 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 said " Good Morning it is hot out there."

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 11th, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the July 11th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:45 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that she has opened a new checking account for the self-insured insurance plan at KANZA Bank. This account will be for making payments on self-funding.

Ms. Luntsford needed documents signed for the new account with KANZA Bank.

Ms. Luntsford discussed that the new tax sale for this year has begun its process. There were 10 parcels for the tax sale originally but two have been paid leaving 8 parcels on the tax sale.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to recap the 2023 County Budget and the requests that the Commissioners had asked to change from last meeting.

Commissioners discussed future road projects will Ms. Langley and Ms. Stegman along with possibly paying down some bond debt.

Ms. Langley reviewed budgets by department with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that the amount of budget expenditures for the 2023 budget is \$13,276,710 with the amount of taxes to levy being \$7,753,946 which is an estimated tax levy of 65.499.

Ms. Langley explained that the levy is higher than the RNR but lower than last years mill levy of 68.256.

The Commissioners discussed the levy and decided the RNR(Revenue Neutral Rate) Hearing will be August 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Room of the Courthouse and the County Budget Hearing will be after.

Ms. Langley and Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss 38 panels that need to be repaired and she sent out for bid.

She received a bid from Curt Mertens in the amount of \$2,855.00 to fix the panels.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept the bid from Curt Mertens in the amount of \$2,855.00 to repair 38 panels. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton discussed the electrical for the barn.

Commissioners and Ms. Frampton discussed the barn and the electrical on two barns but would like to know what is needed from the 4-H.

Ms. Frampton submitted a report on the Community Service hours to the Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton explained that she will need help to put the stalls back and she may not have enough community service to help.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

10:19 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to let the Commissioners know that she talked with Zenda City and they are interested in the program but will have to look at their budget.

Ms. Schrag also discussed that Norwich City wanting to apply for the Façade program to fix the front of the Dotzour Community Center.

Commissioners agreed that Norwich City could apply for the Façade Program.

Ms. Schrag presented flyers for the Kingman County Housing Summit to the Commissioners letting them know that it will be held on August 3, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kingman Expo Center with dinner provided.

Commissioners let Ms. Schrag know that they would attend and asked who all was invited.

Ms. Schrag gave the Commissioners a list of contractors that she had put together.

Commissioners discussed the list of contractors with Ms. Schrag and gave some contact numbers for contractors to contact.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

10:37 a.m. Stan Goets, HR was in to submit new hire sheets for signatures.

Mr. Goetz informed the Commissioners that Hinkle Law Firm will update the plan benefit book to incorporate the new self-funding health plan.

Mr. Goetz discussed that the flex spending per IRS changes has gone up to \$2,850.00 per year with available carry over of \$570.00 but they would need to make a motion to approve the County flex plan to allow for these changes.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to up the Flex Spending to \$2,850.00 per year with a carry over allowable of \$570.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed that his computer is not running properly and asked for a quote from Integris for a new computer.

The quote received was for \$1129.79.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Integris for \$1129.79 to purchase a new computer. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes from the department head meeting held on July 11th, 2022 for their review.

Mr. Goetz received correspondence from a landowner in Vinita township with a complaint about access to their property.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor suggested letting the landowner know to get legal counsel to discuss this matter with.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

10:58 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on FAS 13 bridge and showed pictures on the finished bridge.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the Onyx seal coat and that it will be mobilized on July 27th.

Chairman Foley and the board discussed the FLAP project with Mr. Arensdorf.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the yearly solid waste hauling permits for TW Rollofs, Waste Connections, Nisly Brothers, Inc, T & W Meats Co. and Stutzman Refuse Disposal Inc.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the yearly solid waste hauling permits submitted. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Aliesha Woods, K-State Research was in with Keith Baringer and Extension Board Members to discuss the Extension Council Budget for 2023.

Mr. Baringer let the Commissioners know that the Board had gotten together and discussed the Extension budget.

The Board discussed giving back \$70,000.00 of the budget received as they have been down one extension agent and now their second agent.

Commissioners didn't know if that would be the way so they asked Ms. Langley and Ms. Stegman to come back to the meeting to discuss the process.

Ms. Langley discussed the options available.

Commissioners and the Extension Board discussed the Fair.

The Extension Board, Ms. Langley, Ms. Stegman and Ms. Woods left the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the Capital Improvement Funds.

Commissioner Thimesch let the board know that he has talked with the City about the 54 project meeting and that two of the City Commissioners would be attending along with himself.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.