

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
ON AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Canvasser Foley called the County Canvass to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Canvasser Henning gave invocation

Carol Noblit, County Election Officer presented the County Canvassers: Fred Foley; Jack Thimesch and Jerry Henning the results of the August 2, 2022 Primary Election and that there were 50 Provisionals cast.

Ms. Noblit went through the Provisional ballots with the County Canvassers and their decisions were as follows:

Partially Counted Ballots 23  
Fully Counted Ballots 7  
Ballots Not Counted 20

Ms. Noblit took the ballots to the counting board to be counted.

Canvasser Foley recessed the County Canvass at 9:02 a.m.

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Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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

Online Visitors: Joyce; Fred; Mary Schwartz; Caller 01

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Patrick Elpers; Ethan Kaplan, Ideatek; Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director

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

No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with no additions. 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 discussed Payment in Lieu of Taxes with Commissioner Thimesch and wanted to make sure that when the Commissioners negotiate payment that they make sure it close to what they would get if the wind turbines were on the tax rolls.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that right now they can only go by the kilowatt usage.

Mr. Goetz had left the meeting but asked the County Counselor Brandon Ritcha to present his information to the Commissioners.

Mr. Ritcha let the Commissioners know that Flat Ridge IV representatives had come in to talk to Mr. Goetz and would like to start the process of Flat Ridge IV by using Flat Ridge III documents as a beginning point.

Mr. Ritcha presented some documents that Mr. Goetz wanted the Commissioners to review and to make any changes that they would like to make.

9:26 a.m. Ethan Kaplan. Ideatek was in to discuss the 83.5 million dollars in funding through the State of Kansas to bring broadband to rural Kansas.

Mr. Kaplan discussed what their company is wanting to provide for Northern Kingman County and that it is approximately 260 homes.

Thomas with Ideatek was in to explain what is needed to help them get the funding through the grant.

Ideatek would like to have a letter of support to put with their grant application and also asked the Commissioners if they would pledge an in-kind contribution by waving the right of way fees.

Commissioners discussed their concerns on waving fees with Mr. Kaplan.

Chairman Foley was okay with providing a letter of support but not with waving the fees.

Commissioners let Mr. Kaplan know that if they wave fees for them then they would have to wave fees for other companies.

Commissioner Henning discussed them receiving funding but the taxpayers will be paying a monthly fee for the service.

Commissioners let Ideatek representatives know that they will discuss it.

Mr. Kaplan and two other associates from Ideatek left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

9:58 a.m. Tad Hacker was in to discuss holding the Constitutional Day Celebration like last year on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on the Courthouse lawn.

Commissioners let Mr. Hacker know that they are for having the Constitutional Day Celebration.

Mr. Hacker left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

10:02 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to remind the Commissioners of the Housing summit that is this Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Foley recessed the Board of County Commissioners at 10:30 a.m.

Canvasser Foley reconvened the County Canvass at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Noblit presented the final abstract of Canvass of votes cast for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election to have the Canvassers approve.

MOTION: Canvasser Henning moved to approve the Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. Canvasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Canvassers.

MOTION: Canvasser Thimesch moved to adjourn the Board of Canvassers at 10:40 a.m. Canvasser Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Canvassers.

Chairman Foley reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 10:40 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

11:00 a.m. Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell was in to discuss the Bonds that the County currently has and what pay off options they may have.

Mr. Cowan reviewed each bond and there pay off dates and when they would be eligible for payoff.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.