

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 15<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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Pat Elpers; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Ethan Kaplan, Ideatek

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Fred; Joyce

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

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

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No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Chairman 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.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the Commissioners know that Kingman County is having a recount of the Constitutional Amendment Question and the Republican State Treasurer Race.

8:33 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with an update.

Ms. Schrag discussed a Rural Prosperity grant that is available and was in to request an in-kind match from the County of \$2500.00 along with \$2500.00 from the City of Kingman if the grant was awarded.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to give the matching funds of \$2500.00 if the grant is awarded. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:08 a.m. Ethan Kaplan, Ideatek was in to discuss the grant application that they are applying for.

Commissioners discussed the grant and getting fiber lines to the northern part of the County.

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

Mr. Kaplan left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

9:35 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor were in to review the department budget reports with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman and Ms. Langley left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to have Jack Thimesch the KCAMP/KWORCC voting delegate. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

10:20 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with forms for the County Commissioners to sign and get back to him on health benefits.

Mr. Goetz requested an executive session for non-elected personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Manager, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:25 a.m. to discuss an individual employees 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 to be discussed, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:40 a.m. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Schott left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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

Mr. Foley recessed the board meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Chairman Foley reconvened the board meeting at 11:01 a.m.

11:01 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the Kansas Department of Transportation Cost Share Program-Fall 2022 with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed some road overlays that could be put towards the KDOT cost share program.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Onyx Seal coat projects completed with the Commissioners and that it looks like it was a good application.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the July financial reports for the commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the County Canvass, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the Commission meeting August 8, 2022, for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the Canvass and the Commission meeting for August 8, 2022. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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