

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON March 9, 2015

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on March 9, 2015. Those Present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson  
John Steffen, Commissioner  
Carol Voran, Commissioner  
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk

Also present was John Caton, County Counselor.

Visitors: Phyllis Zorn, Kingman Leader-Courier, Joanne Ziegler, Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director, Emily Graf, Kingman City Manager, Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director and Ed Parks, Norwich EMS.

Staff: Nancy Borst, County Communications Coordinator, Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director, Mendy Frampton, Activity Center Director, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser, Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairperson Foley called the Board of County Canvassers to Order at 8:00 a.m.

The County Election Officer submitted the Election Abstract to the Board of Canvassers and reported that there is one Provisional Ballot. The Provisional Ballot was counted as the voter was a registered voter as of the date of the election in the City of Kingman. The final results of the Primary City/School Election were as follows:

358	MERLIN McFARLAND
335	CHARLUS J. BISHOP
247	MARK A. ARENSDORF
133	ROLAND L. BELCHER
109	MARK SCHNITTKER
108	ELIZABETH A. MADDEN
98	NATHAN R. SMITH
95	DALLAS McCLAFLIN
91	THOMAS TREZISE JR.
82	JAMEE HILLMAN

**MOTION:** Canvasser Steffen moved to approve the Election Abstract with the addition of the Provisional Ballot votes. Canvasser Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Canvassers.

**MOTION:** Canvasser Voran moved to adjourn the County Canvass at 8:12 a.m. Canvasser Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Canvassers.

Commissioner Foley called the Board of County Commissioners to Order at 8:20 a.m.

Commissioner Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Steffen asked to add to old business the use of the County Logo and a discussion of the Cunningham EMS interlocal cooperation agreement.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of use of the County Logo to old business and discussion of the Cunningham EMS inter-local agreement. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Joanne Ziegler was in to discuss the Carlyle Ploog property in Rago. Ms. Ziegler said when she moved back from Washington in the Summer of 2004 Mr. Ploog had vehicles then and it has just gotten worse. Mr. Foley let Ms. Ziegler know that the County is working to try to address the problems.

8:30 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director and Emily Graf, Kingman City Manager were in with the EMS revenue and expenditures report and discussed that they should be receiving the rescue truck around the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and then it will be sent to Unruh to have the chassis installed.

Mr. Bieghler and Ms. Graf left the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Commissioner Steffen submitted a signed copy of the Cunningham EMS interlocal cooperation agreement for the Commission to approve and sign.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Voran moved to approve the Cunningham EMS and Kingman County inter-local agreement. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed the following 22 abatements and 4 additions:

ABATEMENTS		ABATEMENTS	
#4443	152.30	#4444	207.56
#4445	315.18	#4447	24.00
#4448	38.95	#4449	0.00
#4450	13.02	#4453	132.04
#4456	429.70	#4457	72.81
#4458	113.13	#4459	35.97
#4460	140.02	#4461	185.89
#4462	35.97	#4463	256.32
#4464	168.49	#4465	105.21
#4466	142.95	#4467	384.49
#4468	767.67	#4469	2686.69
#4471	216.09		
ADDITIONS			
#4451	6.51		
#4452	6.51		
#4454	66.02		
#4455	66.02		

8:42 a.m. Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser was in to inform the County Commissioners that he has arranged a meeting to be held at the Kingman Activity Center with Roger Hamm from the Ag use section of State Division of Property Valuation to discuss Agricultural Use property valuation with the county taxpayers. No date has been set but he will publish the date when it is set.

Mr. Batchellor left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

8:55 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Activity Center Director was in to discuss the Architect's contract between the Architect and the County along with an invoice for the architect's services to date. Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that there has been concerns from the livestock committee about the breakers being tripped and maybe putting new ones in. Ms. Frampton would like to see about getting bids on new breaker boxes.

Ms. Frampton submitted to the Commissioners for review an elevation survey that the architect had prepared and an invoice from Ruggles & Bohm for the Proposal for Site Planning Services-Kingman Activity Center Entry.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

9:18 a.m. Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator discussed with the Commissioners use of the County seal logo on a website and in the newspaper without permission by the County. John Caton, County Counselor let the Commission know that he believes that the seal is not a registered trademark.

Commissioner Foley asked for public comment.

Ms. Zorn asked if she could come to the table and she thought that personal conflict was the reasoning behind the declination of the County Logo. The County Commission didn't feel that it was personal. Commissioner Steffen's only concern was that the Editor asked to use the logo, that his request was denied and that he published the logo anyway.

The County Commissioners reviewed an amended interlocal agreement between Kingman County and the Kingman County Conservation District.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Voran moved to approve the amended interlocal agreement between the Kingman County Conservation District and Kingman County. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed the financial services agreement presented by Gregory M. Vahrenberg, Piper Jaffray Co. Managing Director.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Voran moved to approve the financial services agreement between Kingman County, Kansas and Piper Jaffray & Co., in connection with a proposed refunding of the outstanding Kingman County General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:56 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss the drainage on the Norwich Road and the options that he was presented with by a landowner. Mr. Arensdorf discussed upcoming maintenance to the landfill building that was built in the 70's. Mr. Bachenberg submitted an application received from KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) to the County Commissioners for the TEAP (Traffic Engineering Assistance Program) Study. HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) program for geometric improvement and it was used in the past for the hilltop in Penalosa.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to approve applying for the TEAP Study through KDOT. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

10:23 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning was in and informed the County Commissioners that he was in Rago last week and saw Mr. Ploog. Mr. Ploog told Mr. Goetz that he had not received a certified letter so he resent a certified letter on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Goetz and Mr. Caton to commence proceedings to enforce the County's zoning and land use regulations

Mr. Goetz reviewed updates to Policy #10 and changes to Policy #43.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:35 a.m. 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 10:46 a.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:47 a.m. Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director submitted his time card to the Commission for signature.

10:59 a.m. Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director and Ed Parks, Norwich EMS were in with a revenue and expenditure reports for the County Commissioners. Ms. Bartel let the Commission know what the Norwich EMS covers and that she is the only paid employee for Norwich EMS and there are 23 great volunteers. Ms. Bartel also discussed equipment they currently have and what they plan to purchase in the future.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.