

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON November 10, 2014

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on November 10, 2014. Those Present:

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

Also present was John Caton, County Counselor.

Visitors: Gayle Dye, Donna Hardesty, David Dinell, Kingman Leader Courier, Emily Graf, Kingman City Manager, Zack Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director, Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Center and Kevin Nisley, Horizons Mental Health Center.

Staff: Nancy Borst, County Communications Coordinator, Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning, Donna Rohlman, Treasurer, Sheriff Randy Hill, John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director, Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Voran called the Board of County Canvassers to Order at 8:00 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted 42 Provisional ballots to the County Canvassers to review and decide which ones that would be counted by a counting board. After review by the Board there were 17 provisional ballots that would not be counted and 25 that would be counted by the counting board.

The Canvass Board chairperson moved to recess the Board of Canvassers meeting until the counting board has had a chance to count the Provisionals.

Commissioner Voran called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Zach Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director, and Emily Graf, Kingman City Manager, arrived at 8:50 a.m. They distributed expense reports for EMS for the current year through October. Bieghler noted there have been more calls this year to date – 613 vs. 547 for the same time period in 2013 – a 12 percent increase. He said this likely is due to an aging population with more healthcare needs. The city recently raised its fees and the hope is that will increase reimbursement from private insurance companies.

Mr. Bieghler also gave an update on a new rescue truck. He said bids had been received on the truck chassis and on the rescue body (two sets of bids) and those hopefully will be acted on at the Nov. 13 City Commission meeting.

Mr. Bieghler and Ms. Graf left the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the minutes as corrected for November 3, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed a funds transfer report and information on several reserve funds.

They also received a budget update through Nov. 4 that indicates 83 percent of the budget year is over. They noted departments are doing well on their budgets. Some of the revenue increases are due to delinquent tax collections.

Commissioners briefly discussed where to put additional revenue the county will receive as a result of the recent court decision regarding underground natural gas being taxable. Among options discussed were road improvements, a new LEC and improvements for NW 10th Avenue.

Commissioner Voran moved to recess the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 9:35 a.m.

The Canvass Board chairperson reconvened the Board of Canvassers meeting at 9:36 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the completed canvass to the County Canvassers. After the totals were read there were no changes to the outcome.

MOTION: The Canvasser Foley moved to approve the Canvass of Votes as submitted by the County Clerk. Canvasser Steffen seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote by the Board of County Canvassers.

Commissioner Voran reconvened the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

9:46 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in and requested an executive session for non-elected personnel matters with Donna Rohlman, Treasurer to be included.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Voran moved to go into executive session at 9:47 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Donna Rohlman, Treasurer and John Caton, County Counselor in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed, and that we return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 9:52 a.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen made a motion to approve the Contract from Cox Communications for 2015 for the County Courthouse, Noxious Weed, Health Department, Activity Center and Road & Bridge.

Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the County Commission the performance review schedule, safety meeting minutes, Department Head meeting minutes and Policy #42 ready for review by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz had one approved zoning permit for the following:

1. James Pearce- enclosed patio- Sec. 24-Township 27-Range 5W(Evan).

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

10:22 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill and John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director were in to discuss the selling of the used vehicles that they would like to sell on Purplewave. The Commissioners asked to have a list presented for next week's meeting.

Sheriff Randy Hill submitted monthly reports for September and October to review. Sheriff Hill also submitted price quotes to the County Commissioners for new body armor for the sheriff's deputies from Alimar in the amount of \$5,765.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the bid from Alimar for new body armor in the amount of \$5,765.00. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Randy Hill left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

10:31 a.m. Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health and Kevin Martin Nisly were in with their statement of revenue for Horizons Mental Health Center for the first quarter to review with the County Commissioners. Mr. Garrett discussed with the County Commission about some information that will be voted on at their upcoming KAC(Kansas Association of Counties) meeting this week.

Mr. Garrett and Mr. Nisly left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates. Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the consultant contracts for Belmont #48 and Richland #31 and updated the Commission on the Hot Mix program. Mr. Bachenberg submitted information that the County Counselor, John Caton will review and present at the November 17th, 2014 board meeting.

11:15 a.m. Leonard Probst, Hoosier Township Treasurer and Phil McKenna, Hoosier Township Clerk were in to discuss the NW 10th Avenue project. Commissioners explained that they have moved forward on the planning of NW 10th Avenue and that it is just the preliminary planning stage and they just want to be prepared if funding may come available because if no plans are done the state would not even look at possible funding.

Mr. Probst asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the road. The Commissioners said that they would not expect the township to maintain the road.

Mr. Probst and Mr. McKenna left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to adjourn the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 12:41 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote by the County Commissioners.