

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON December 8, 2014

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on December 8, 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: Donna Hardesty, Phyllis Zorn, Kingman Leader-Courier, Gary Hardman, Gallagher Benefits, Zach Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director, Justin Goings, Kingman EMS, Mr. James Franklin and his wife Teresa.

Staff: Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Jeremy Courtney, Payroll/Benefits Clerk, Fred Simon, Emergency Management Director, Sheriff Randy Hill, Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer, Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director.

Chairperson Voran called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to Order at 8:00 a.m.

8:08 a.m. Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director was in for approval of his time card.

Mr. Ramsey left the meeting at 8:09 a.m.

County Commissioners signed the County Vouchers in the amount of \$754,426.38.

The County Clerk discussed a letter received from the Supreme Court of Kansas on the term of office for a non-lawyer member of the Thirtieth District Judicial Nominating Commission expiring the first Monday in March 2015 the current member is Lance Dixon.

The County Clerk submitted to the County Commissioners an invoice from the League of Kansas Municipalities for 2015 Subscription in the amount of \$381.28. The County Commissioners decided not to subscribe to the League of Kansas Municipalities for 2015.

8:45 a.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to discuss the status of the Kansas Department of Labor compliances he has been working on that has a deadline of January 4, 2015.

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

9:00 a.m. Gary Hardman, Arthur J. Gallagher Benefits was in to discuss the Blue Cross/Blue Shield reserve funds and that the current reserves are in a negative due to the rise in claims. Mr. Hardman discussed with Stan Goetz, HR, Jeremy Courtney, Payroll/Benefits Clerk, and County Commissioners about the County Flex Spending Plan.

Mr. Goetz, Mr. Courtney and Mr. Hardman left the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

9:38 a.m. Zach Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was in with the Ambulance budget report thru period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mr. Bieghler left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

9:48 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Mr. James Franklin and his wife Teresa were in to discuss their concerns in Rago. Mr. Franklin discussed that the State was to be out in two weeks and have not showed up as of this date and the health issue of the nuisance is what is bothering him.

Mr. Franklin and his wife left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in with a notice of public sale of surplus property owned by Kingman County to be published on Purple wave. The following vehicles will be placed on Purplewave: 2005 Ford F150 XLT, 2001 Ford F-350 XL Cab Chassis Pickup, and 2001 Ford Crown Vic Police Package.

Sheriff Randy Hill left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning discussed with the County Commissioners about placing the other have of the paid sick leave in the shared leave bank. The County Commissioners were in agreement that it should be placed in the shared leave bank.

Mr. Goetz had the following building permits:

1. Fred Foley- Machine Shed- SE4- Section 16, Township 28, Range 5W(Vinita).
2. Leon Sowers- Storage Shed- NW4- Section 28, Township 28, Range 5W(Vinita).

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates. Mr. Arensdorf discussed Railroad Crossing improvements that need to be done and gave the County Commissioners information on the seismograph activity. Mr. Bachenberg discussed that the tests were back on the monitoring wells and the MCL levels are still down and will not affect humans or animals.

The County Clerk submitted the report of Transfers for One Month ending November 2014 to the County Commissioners from the Internal Auditor Linda Langley in the amount of \$148,492.67 for a signature. The report was signed by the Commission Chair.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Voran moved that we go into executive session at 11:37 a.m. with Jeremy Courtney, Payroll/Benefits Clerk, Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, and Carol Noblit, County Clerk to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that we return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to approve a 5% pay raise for all county employees for 2015 to go into effect December 21, 2014. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Steffen moved that we go into executive session at 12:05 p.m. with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that we return to open

session in the Board meeting room at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:15 p.m. No decision made.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the December 1, 2014 regular meeting for approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to re-appoint Lance Dixon to the non-lawyer member of the Thirtieth District Judicial Nominating Commission. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the resolution pledging participation by the counties in the South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Inc. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Commissioner Foley to the Chairman of the County Commission Board for 2015. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Voran moved to go into executive session with Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director at 1:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and that we return to open session in the Board meeting room at 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:50 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Voran moved to go into executive session with John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director at 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and that we return to open session in the Board meeting room at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 2:20 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Voran moved to go into executive session with Fred Simon, Emergency Preparedness Director at 2:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and that we return to open session in the Board meeting room at 2:48 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 2:48 p.m.

The County Clerk submitted the following three abatements to the County Commissioners:

Order #4187	865.82
Order #4188	16211.90
Order #4189	230.50

The County Commissioners discussed adding a ½ day off on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to the County Holidays this year.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Steffen moved to give an additional ½ day off the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2014. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the County Commission meeting at 2:55 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.