

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON May 26, 2015

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on May 26, 2015. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson

John Steffen, Commissioner

Carol Voran, Commissioner

John Caton, County Counselor, was present.

Visitors: Phyllis Zorn, Kingman Leader-Courier; Travis Eck, Eck Electric; Hon. Larry Solomon, District Court Judge; Judy Albright, Kingman County Council on Aging Director; KCCOA board members Bob Carlson, Ruth Vanlandingham, Don Hawkins, Gene Hellman and Don Bales.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Mark Schnittker, Facilities Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Department Director; and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Chairperson Foley asked whether there were additions or changes to the agenda.

He asked whether he could add an item to the joint meeting with the Kingman City Commission scheduled for 7 o'clock tonight (May 26). County Counselor John Caton said because it is a special meeting and the agenda already has been published, no additions can be made to the agenda. Mr. Caton said one option to allow for a more open agenda would be to have regular joint meetings with the city commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners briefly discussed tonight's joint meeting. Chairperson Foley will welcome everyone and encourage introductions. Commissioner Voran asked that the city bring its 2014 budget and its 2015 budget to date. That request will be forwarded to City Manager Emily Graf.

Commissioner Voran and Communications Coordinator Nancy Borst briefly discussed their May 22 meeting with Mike Matson of the Kansas Leadership Center. Mr. Matson encouraged the county to bolster civic participation by empowering people to lead. KLC will provide scholarships for three individuals to complete its 2 ½ day leadership course at the KLC headquarters in Wichita.

District Judge Larry Solomon and Travis Eck, Eck Electric, were in with Mark Schnittker, facilities manager, to discuss repairs to the district court's alarm system, which is not working. Mr. Eck said the non-working transmitter is obsolete. A new four alarm transmitter and receiver will repair the problem. He indicated it will be compatible with the rest of the current system.

District Judge Solomon indicated his budget probably can pay the cost of the repair.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to authorize Eck Electric to repair the existing system at a cost of \$3,851.50, to be paid by the District Court. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Judge Solomon and Mr. Eck left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Mr. Schnittker indicated there have not been leaks at county buildings with the recent heavy rains. The Pokomo Creek east of the courthouse has developed a “hump” of silt that could cause it to back up. Consensus was to have Mr. Schnittker ask Public Works Director Charles Arensdorf about how to rectify the problem.

Stan Goetz was in to discuss several items. He turned in Steve Ramsey’s time card for approval. He reviewed the county’s current dental insurance coverage with Ameritas, noting the premiums have increased. In 2014, Gallagher Benefits did a dental insurance comparison between Ameritas and Delta Dental. Blue Cross Blue Shield also offers dental coverage. Goetz said there is potential for the county to save money on this insurance. Commissioners told him to get another study of options from Gallagher.

Mr. Goetz also discussed performance reviews and whether there is a better system. He is leaning toward a system that does not use number grades. Department heads have expressed a desire for a change. Consensus was for him to continue his research into a different system.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

- Todd Fairchild, pole shed – SE4 of Section 22, Township 28, Range 7 (Ninnescah East).

Mr. Goetz plans to talk to Carlyle Ploog today regarding the county’s proposal to abate his vehicles.

Mr. Goetz shared minutes from the May 18 meeting of the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals. Farrell’s Body Shop was the subject of the hearing. The business’s building is in violation of county zoning regulations. The business does not have the 3 acre minimum to be zoned light industrial. The case was continued to November.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 commission meeting with the addition of Gene Albers and deletion of Clint Foley in the list of soil conservation board members in attendance. Chairperson Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Cindy Chrisman-Smith was in to discuss health department business. She noted that the Public Health Coalition Executive Board will meet Friday, June 5.

She said there is a second confirmed case of pertussis in the county but it is unrelated to the only previous confirmed case this year.

She asked commissioners to revisit purchase of a new vision screening machine for the health department. She presented three options:

Titmus Vision Screening Machine, \$4,725.

Welch Allyn Suresite Screening Machine, \$5,698 (price includes necessary thermal printer).

Welch Allyn VS100 Pediatric Spot Vision, \$6,679.38.

She said her choice was the Pediatric Spot Vision screener. Commissioner Voran asked the county to look into possible grant funds to help purchase the device. Chrisman-Smith will bring grant information back to commissioners before the purchase is made.

Commissioner Voran asked about the status of a policy regarding having infants at work. Ms. Chrisman-Smith said she and Stan Goetz are working on a policy.

Ms. Chrisman-Smith left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Judy Albright, Director, Kingman County Council on Aging, presented the KCCA's 2016 budget request. She is exploring options to possibly offer health insurance to full-time employees starting in 2017. Commissioners said KCCA employees are not county employees and could not be covered by the county's health insurance but asked Albright to keep them informed about the issue.

Ms. Albright and KCCA board members Mr. Carlson, Ms. Vanlandingham, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hellman and Mr. Bales left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Linda Langley shared information about fund levels in capital equipment reserves and capital outlay for the health department. She said there are no funds in the department's capital improvement fund. She said the county's auditors will discuss tax revenue from underground natural gas storage when the auditors present their 2014 audit report.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Charles Arensdorf reported that an application was received for a major fiber optic line placement in the county by South Central Telephone, Medicine Lodge. A meeting will be held about this project on June 1. Seal coat of north Main Street will be done in June, from where the bricks end to the north entrance of the Kingman High School parking lot. The parking lot east of the courthouse also will be resurfaced in June. The county will reimburse the City of Cunningham \$33,600 in engineering costs for the Valley Street project, as per previous agreement. Sales tax funds will be used.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved that the commission go into executive session with Mr. Arensdorf, Stan Goetz and John Caton for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that commissioners return to open session in the commission meeting room at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The commission returned to open session at 11:55 a.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved that the commission go into executive session with Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Goetz and Mr. Caton for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that commissioners return to open session in the commission meeting room at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The commission returned to open session at 12:05 p.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the quarterly budget transfer to capital reserves in the amount of \$90,125. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved that the commission go into executive session with Mr. Goetz and Mr. Caton for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that commissioners return to open session in the commission meeting room at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The commission returned to open session at 12:30 p.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved that the commission go into executive session with Mr. Goetz and Mr. Caton for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and that commissioners return to open session in the commission meeting room at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The commission returned to open session at 12:35 p.m. with no action taken.

Stan Goetz returned to update commissioners on his conversation today with Carlyle Ploog regarding a proposal from the county to abate junk vehicles on Ploog's property. No agreement has been reached.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved that the commission go into executive session for 5 minutes for consultation with the County Counselor for the purpose of preliminary discussions regarding possible acquisition of real property in order to protect the public interest in obtaining the property at a fair price and that Mr. Matt Ricke be invited to join this session. Commissioners will return to open session in the commission meeting room at 1 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The commission returned to open session at 1 p.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 1 p.m. Chairperson Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.