

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

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session with the Kingman City Commission in the Kingman County Courthouse on May 26, 2015. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson
John Steffen, Commissioner
Carol Voran, Commissioner
Nancy Borst, County Communications Coordinator
Charlus Bishop, Kingman City Mayor
Dick Neville, Kingman City Commissioner
Mark Arensdorf, Kingman City Commissioner
Merlin McFarland, Kingman City Commissioner
Stan Hacker, Kingman City Commissioner
Cindy Conrardy, Kingman City Clerk
Emily Graf, Kingman City Manager
Cody Smith, Kingman City Attorney

Staff present: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, and Fred Simon, Emergency Manager.
Guests: Daniel Shea, Executive Director, Kingman County Economic Development Council; Susan Young, administrative assistant, Kingman County Economic Development Council; Monte Rose, Cunningham EMS; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order in the first floor lobby at 6:10 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves before sitting down to share a catered meal. The meeting recessed at approximately 6:45 p.m. so commissioners and staff could move to the third floor courtroom.

Mr. Foley again welcomed everyone after all reconvened in the courtroom at 7 p.m. He referred everyone to two written reports prepared by county staff. Commissioner Voran gave a brief overview of the reports, which were about the NW 10th Ave. surfacing project and the Kingman County Activity Center.

Mr. Foley asked the group for discussion on Kingman EMS. Commissioners Steffen and Voran noted the service is functioning well. Consensus was to continue to monitor the agency for possible improvements.

Commissioners also received reports from Daniel Shea, executive director of the Kingman County Economic Development Council. The commissioners discussed economic development, including how the economic development council is comprised and funded. It was noted that the funding has been shared equally by the county and the City of Kingman until 2015. Commissioner Steffen said the county will soon prepare its 2016 budget and would like to know whether the city plans to help fund economic development next year.

The commissioners also discussed downtown development in the City of Kingman. There was discussion about the future of the collapsed buildings in the 200 block of Main Street; whether a new fire/EMS station will be built and where; and where a new Law Enforcement Center should be built.

No binding action was taken on any of the discussion items on the agenda.
The two governing bodies agreed to begin holding regular quarterly meetings. No date for the next meeting was set.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the special meeting of the board of county commissioners at 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.