

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON December 5th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 5th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Fred Foley, Chairman

Jerry Henning, Commissioner

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Henning gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance; George Marko Workforce Alliance.

Online Visitors: Joyce; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager;

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer; Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Henning would like to discuss the windfarm agreements.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add some discussion to Leslie Schrag's time.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Robert Casad. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:33 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to go over the changes to the draft to the programs and the applications for them.

Commissioner Thimesch let Ms. Schrag know that he had two people that would be willing to help fix up abandoned homes.

Commissioner Henning let Ms. Schrag know that he doesn't approve the addition of the residential improvement grants.

Commissioners made it clear to Ms. Schrag that they do not like the residential improvements and want it removed.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:28 a.m. with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel 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 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. with no decision made.

9:50 a.m. Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer and Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer were in to discuss the department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:52 a.m. with Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer and Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel 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 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Elliott and Ms. Smith asked for approval of overtime.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve overtime for the Treasurer/Tag Office as is necessary retroactive from November 28th, 2022, through the tax processing time period and that they stay within their budget. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:18 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel 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 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:38 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:38 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel 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 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:48 a.m. with no decision made.

10:50 a.m. Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance was in to discuss what the Workforce alliance provides for Kingman County and what the services are they provide.

Mr. Lawing discussed that Kingman County residents know that they provide support for training.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to sign the the agreement by and between the Workforce Alliance of South-Central Kansas, Inc. (the Local Workforce Development Board) and the Chief Elected Officials Board. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Mr. Lawing left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

11:09 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the bid letting for mowers will be held on December 19, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that there is no news on KDOT bridge selections for the fall.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a tentative date of February 7th, 2023 for hot mix letting.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS #12.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

11:31 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the Planning/Zoning meeting minutes from last weeks meeting to review.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Horizon East Final Plat. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners signed three job status changes.

County Clerk discussed the upcoming County Christmas Dinner.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor reviewed and discussed the windfarm agreements for Flat Ridge IV.

Commissioners had questions on the decommissioning agreement.

The County Clerk submitted the November 28th, 2022 Commission minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the November 28, 2022, Commission minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners approved the following abatements, Added and Escape:

ABATEMENTS		ABATEMENTS	
2022000074	-10159.36	2022000075	-17467.52
2022000076	-17467.52	2022000078	-517.00
2022000079	-4345.84	2022000080	-517.00
2022000081	-4387.56	2022000082	-517.00
2022000083	-517.00	2022000084	-1036.94
2022000085	-606.96	2022000086	303.62
2022000087	-606.96	2022000087	910.58
2022000089	-465.16		
ADDED		ESCAPED	
2022000077	+52.94	2022000069	+114.08
ESCAPED		2022000071	+12.16
2022000068	0.00	2022000073	+593.18
2022000070	+6.08	2022000066	+12.16
2022000072	+114.08	2022000063	+12.16
2022000067	+114.08	2022000090	+465.16
2022000065	0.00		
2022000064	0.00		

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:56 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.