

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 9, 2023

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 9, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman
Fred Foley, Commissioner(out going)
Patrick Elpers, Commissioner (newly elected)
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Henning gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Ms. Elpers; Joyce Foley; Julie Lyon; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Ed Laverentz; and Kristin Wewe.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Macay Ewy; Judge Mott; Caller 02; Caller 03; Caller 04

Staff: Macay Ewy, Economic Development Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds.

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk would like to add an non-elected personnel executive session.

Chairman Henning would like to add Leslie Schrag after the meeting with Mr. Lavarentz.

Brandon Ritcha, Counselor would like to add an attorney-client privilege executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for attorney-client privilege and the Clerks executive session. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said "Good Morning".

8:35 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the radio tower with the Commissioners and the Commissioners asking Mr. Ewy to be the point of contact with the vendor.

Commissioners also asked that Heather Kinsler and Brent Wood be included in the information being given by Motorola.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:45 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss atty-client privileges pursuant to the exception under the

Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:50 a.m. with no decision made.

8:52 a.m. Mr. Laverentz was in with Kristin Wewe to discuss the establishment of a possible RHID.

Mr. Laverentz explained the process with the Commissioners.

If this plan would go through then the individuals building would not be eligible for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan that the County currently has.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch would like to move forward with the RHID housing assessment. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Laverentz and Ms. Wewe left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

9:35 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss that the County received the Seed Grant and the project totals. The match total was a 10% match and they are now asking for a 20% match.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the seed grant match not to exceed \$1,500.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag and Ms. Lyon left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

9:46 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the health department will be closed most of the day on Wednesday to attend training to review protocols and program updates.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that she will be looking at getting quotes for some new exam tables to purchase with grant funds that need to be spent by July.

Ms. Schwartz asked if Counselor Ritcha could review the Athena Health contract and a charge that is being charged for their services.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Judge William Mott was online to discuss the defender contract.

Chairman Henning let Judge Mott know that the raise in the defender contract was not discussed before budgets were set in July.

Commissioners wanted to know if going out for bid of a defender could be a possibility.

Judge Mott discussed that he talked with Judge Meisenheimer about the fee and that there is a lack of attorneys that do defender work in rural areas.

Judge Mott left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk and Counselor Brandon Ritcha discussed the increase with the Commissioners and cases have risen.

Ms. Jackson was in with a quote from Century in the amount of \$6,009.00 for a SAVIN IM 4000 System copier.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to purchase from Century Business Technologies, Inc. a copier in the amount of \$6,009.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R1. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the agreement from Adams Brown for audit services.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Kingman County and Adams Brown for 2022, 2023 & 2024. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from KCAMP for the annual renewal fees.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the January 3, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, Commission meeting. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that the County received \$96,754.92 in sales tax for December.

10:45 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to have a letter signed to remove individuals from the Kanza Bank checking account.

Commissioners approved and signed the letter for Kanza Bank.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Commissioners discussed an abatement with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser.

The following abatements were signed and approved:

ABATEMENTS	
2023000001	-97.22
2023000002	-8,603.14
2023000003	-283.06

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the County meeting for January 16th, 2023, being a holiday and that they will have a Special meeting on January 20th, 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to have the Commission Meeting be held as a special meeting on January 20, 2023. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on Wind Farm transportation items.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a road damage report to the Commissioners due to Kingman Wind Farm using roads.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on Bridge D.0-6.2 repair East & North of Cunningham and X.0-21.2 bridge east of Rago.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that bids will be opened February 6, 2023, for FAS 607 & 361 Hot Mix.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the annual township meeting will be held March 13, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

11:33 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with a letter from Garber Surveying Service, P.A. saying they will certify all survey drawings and subdivision plats for a fee of \$100 per drawing or plat.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Garber Surveying Service, PA in the amount of \$100.00 per survey. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:36 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of noon-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 11:51 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:51 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:51 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of noon-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 11:56 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner returned to regular session at 11:56 a.m.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:01 p.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:06 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.