

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON January 23, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 23, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman  
Patrick Elpers, Commissioner  
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; Lucas Dick, HYRA; Danny McDorman; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent; Jamie Barnes, Extension Office Assistant; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director; Sarah Carroll, Inevergy; Mark Davidson, Inevergy; Luke Hadorn, Inevergy; Shawn Braun, Inevergy; Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael; Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael & Justin Harris, Kirkham Michael.

Online Visitors: Macay Ewy; Heather Kinsler; Kristi Sproul and Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Sheriff Brent Wood.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers 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 let the Commissioners know that he appreciates the work they put in.

Lucas Dick commended the Commissioners on the rock they had delivered to the Expo Center. The drainage on the west side of the building is not very good and asked if they could possibly come up with a fix for that.

Commissioners explained that they

8:44 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the December financials with the Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

9:08 a.m. Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent was in with a quarterly report for the County Commissioners.

Ms. Thimesch let the Commissioners know that Trisha Rose, Office Assistant resigned December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and Jamie Barnes was hired December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to fill the vacancy.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Thimesch that they would like a board that would report to Ms. Frampton and then she would report to them on things needed for the Expo Center.

Ms. Thimesch and Ms. Barnes left the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

9:19 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a quote from Universal Medical for two exam chairs in the amount of \$9,273.20.

Commissioners let Ms. Schwartz know that usually there are at least two quotes so they would like for her to ask KDHE about the requirement of bids and get back with them.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

9:33 a.m. Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director was in to review financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Mader gave Horizons Mental Health Center updates and State updates.

Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that staff numbers have increased so services are increasing to help the community.

Ms. Mader left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

9:46 a.m. Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in with a couple of quotes for CVN mailing for the County from the following:

Postalocity \$4,692.21

The Master's Touch, LLC \$4,653.10

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Postalocity in the amount of \$4,692.21 for CVN mailing. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

9:54 a.m. Sarah Carroll, Inevergy; Mark Davidson, Inevergy; Luke Hadorn, Inevergy and Shawn Braun, Inevergy were in to discuss the Road Agreement and Decommissioning agreements for Flat Ridge 4 & 5.

Chairman Henning discussed the road agreement and the road repair agreement violation assessment amount.

Ms. Carroll discussed that if an emergency would happen then they would call immediately and it would start the clock.

Mr. Ritcha, County Counselor discussed the concern of the Commissioners on the 4. Road Repair payments and Security for Performance of Company Road Repair payments and Security for Performance

of Company Obligations section A number 2) a guaranty agreement under which Company's corporate parent, as guarantor, undertakes to pay Company's Payment Obligations (a "Parent Guaranty")

Mr. Ritcha also brought up Section 7 (iii) commercial general liability insurance with minimum limit of a \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

Commissioners discussed possible damage to the road in future years with repairs of the windfarm.

Commissioners let Inevergy know that the documents are important and set up to protect and secure the future of anyone that takes on the responsibilities.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that it is important to establish the haul route and make sure that is the route you are going to take for the windfarm.

Commissioners discussed page 7 of the road agreement, section (D).

Ms. Carroll; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Hadorn; Mr. Goetz and Mr. Braun left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael were in to discuss and review the damage assessment report for SW 70 Road Wind Farm Haul Route.

Commissioners would like Mr. Yost to core the road to check the condition of the road.

Mr. Yost reviewed the haul route for the reconstruction of Kingman Wind Farm with the Commissioners.

Josh Beckman was in to let the Commissioners know that he needs a 1302 form filled out for the funding they received for a bridge repair U.8-17.0. Also, Mr. Beckman presented the design agreement for the bridge and any right of way purchase needed in the amount not to exceed \$37,000.00.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the engineering services between Kingman County, Kansas and Kirkham, Michael & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$37,000.00 for U.8-17.0 Off-System Bridge on SE 100 Street. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Beckman discussed the D.O-6.2 Bridge repair and submitted two options. The Commissioners discussed that the concrete option would be a better choice.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted a 2023 Biannual Bridge Inspection Contract between Kirkham Michael & Kingman County to inspect the bridges in Kingman County in the amount of \$29,516.00.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services FAS & Off-System Bridge Inventory and Appraisal in the amount of \$29,516.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that there will be a Road Closure at SW 50 Ave and K-42 south to SW 150 ST from 1/24/2023 to 1/27/2023.

Mr. Arensdorf asked for a vacation time extension for 30 days.

Commissioners approved Mr. Arensdorf's extension.

Mr. Bachenberg gave the Commissioners an update on the FLAP project bids received. The Engineer's estimate was \$2,780,000.00 and the low bid received was for \$1,977,959.00.

12:25 p.m. Sheriff Brent Wood was in with the December 2022 department report for the Commissioners to review.

Sheriff Wood discussed the remaining funds in the Sheriff's Capital Outlay of \$36,220.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to put the remaining funds in the Sheriff's Capital Outlay of \$36,220.00 to the Capital Equipment Reserve fund. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood was in with a hire form for a part-time employee to be signed and approved.

Commissioners approved the part-time hire.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

The County Clerk submitted the January 23, 2023, Special Meeting minutes for approval

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023, Special Meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a letter received from the Kansas Supreme Court for the non-lawyer member position on the 30<sup>th</sup> District Judicial Nominating Commission expiring that would need a re-appointment or new appointment that would be from March 6, 2023, to March 1, 2027.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to re-appoint Lance Dixon as the member of the 30<sup>th</sup> District Judicial Nominating Commission that will expire March 1, 2027. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed information received from Senator Mark Steffen on SB7.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve sending a support letter of SB7. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:08 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.