

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 30, 2023

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

Patrick Elpers, Commissioner
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Thimesch gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Leslie Shepherd; Ross Russell; David Flickner;

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Fred Foley.

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there was any public comment.

No public comment.

8:30 a.m. Leslie Shepherd was in about his NRP letter received.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to allow Mr. Shepherd to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:40 a.m. Ross Russell was in to discuss his NRP program and the letter he received. Mr. Russell let the Commissioners know that he is new to the NRP and would like information on it.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to allow Mr. Russell to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:55 a.m. David Flickner was in to discuss his NRP program and the letter he received. Mr. Flickner discussed how much his building value went up after tearing down the old one.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to allow Mr. Flickner to remain in the NRP program. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

9:05 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with another quote for the Exam Chairs.

Universal Medical \$9273.20

Tiger Medical \$11,902.79

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go with the Universal Medical quote for \$9273.20 to be paid with grant funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the January 23, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

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

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the information he found out about bridge that is damaged with the board and County Counselor.

County Counselor submitted a letter of support for Senate Bill 7 for the Commissioners approval.

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

9:27 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the sound system is finished as the equipment ordered last year had finally come in.

Ms. Frampton discussed the stall cleanup and asked if she could get some help to get them cleaned up.

Commissioners agreed to let her hire help to clean up the stalls.

Ms. Frampton discussed the drainage on the grounds and what has happened since leveling the dirt for the stalls.

Ms. Frampton submitted prices for the old 12' stalls to submit to the marketplace.

Ms. Frampton will check with placing the trailer and panels put on an auction.

Commissioners agreed to place the stalls on the marketplace and to put the trailer with panels on the auction.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in and requested a non-elect personnel executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:02 a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employee's performance 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:21 a.m. with no decision made.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the tax abatements received. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

10:34 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a new hire for Detention to be approved.

Mr. Goetz discussed the property in Murdock that still needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Goetz discussed a camper on the corner of a property with no trespassing signs posted and a letter has been sent to the owner of the property.

Mr. Goetz submitted a letter he sent on a Murdock property of a dish placed on someone else's property.

Mr. Goetz submitted zoning permits for the following:

- 1) Tony Ogg for a house in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W.
- 2) Kevin Kienzle for a storage building in Section 29, Township 27, Range 6W.
- 3) Will Vernon for a Barn in Section 4, Township 27, Range 5W.
- 4) Kurt Weber for a dog kennel in Section 28, Township 28, Range 7W.
- 5) Larry Mark for a Lean-to in Section 10, Township 30, Range 7W.
- 6) Martin Chance for a shed in Section 14, Township 28, Range 5W.
- 7) Britton Grinstead for a house in Section 9, Township 30, Range 6W.
- 8) Sheldon Wright for a house in Section 30, Township 29, Range 5W.
- 9) Christopher Carr for a Barn in Section 15, Township 28, Range 6W.
- 10) Alex Wadel for a garage in Section 33, Township 30, Range 9W.
- 11) Mathew Casper for a shed in Section 31, Township 28, Range 5W.
- 12) Renee Smith for a double wide house in Section 21, Township 29, Range 9W.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:59 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss employee's performance 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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

11:12 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director open fuel bids.

Bid received from Skyland Grain
Unleaded \$3.12 per gallon delivered
Unleaded \$3.37 per gallon by tank
#1 Diesel \$4.51 per gallon
#2 Diesel \$3.58 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the bid from Skyland Grain. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the December department reports for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed the road damages made by heavy equipment.

County Counselor discussed a letter received from Judge Sylvester for the CASA program.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a \$2500.00 appropriation for the CASA program out of the County General Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.