

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON February 6, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 6, 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; Larry Landwehr; Ed Laverentz; Kristen Wewe; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; David Beach, Schwab-Eaton.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Julie Lyon;

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning 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 unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said "Good Morning" and discussed that the weather has been nice but it will be changing.

Chairman Henning replied that it is February.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of January 30, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the January 30, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:55 a.m. Ed Laverentz and Kristen Wewe were in to discuss the RHID housing needs Assessment.

Ms. Wewe went over the needs assessment with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Laverentz discussed the next step to take and that it would include a Resolution along with a public hearing to be held.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor said that he would have a Resolution ready for the next meeting for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Laverentz and Ms. Wewe left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was requested to stay by the Commissioners to discuss a grant that she had informed them about.

The Commissioners discussed possibly applying for the grant and replacing the barn building down at the Expo Center into one big building.

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

9:56 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to request an executive session for non-elect personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 9:56 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer 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 10:00 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 10:00 a.m. with no decision made.

Ms. Smith presented bank documents for the board of County Commissioners to sign.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:15 a.m. to discuss atty-client privilege 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 opens session in the board meeting room at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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10:55 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and David Beach, Schwab Eaton were in to open bids at 11:00 a.m.

The following bids were received:

APAC	Alt#1	\$813,903.75
	Alt#2	\$1,469,627.05
Pearson Construction	Alt #1	\$807,390.00
	Alt #2	\$1,454,248.00
Kansas Paving	Alt #1	\$900,811.00
	Alt #2	\$1,581,989.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Alt #2 from Pearson Construction in the amount of \$1,454, 248.00 contingent upon the Engineers approval. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS 12 and that it has a smooth ride.
Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS 364 (SW 70 St)-Boring project; W.3-8.0 Bridge Deck Rehab project and the X.0-21.2 Bridge east of Rago.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the design contract for D.0-62 bridge east of Cunningham not to exceed \$15,000.00 for review.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the contract from Kirkham Michael not to exceed \$15,000.00 for D.0-62 Bridge design. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.