

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON February 27, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 27, 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, Kingman Leader-Courier

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Larry

Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes for the February 21st, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the February 21st, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning opened correspondence from the Silver Haired Legislature.

Commissioners signed the Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$75,998.54.

Commissioners approved the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
2023000019	-37.16
2023000020	-21.92
2023000022	-414.08

Chairman Henning discussed the EMS with the board.

8:53 a.m. Sheriff Brent Wood brought in the monthly budget report for the Commissioners to review.

Sheriff Wood discussed the vehicles that will be replaced with the purchase of the new Dodge Durangos with the Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood discussed purchasing a time clock from Lathem like what the other county offices use.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of Lathem time clock and adjusting the county annual account by \$100.00 for the added clock and cards. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood presented quotes from Kanza Bank and Citizens Bank for the Lease-Purchase of the 4-2023 Dodge Durangos. Kanza Bank percentage rate was 4.88% and Citizens Bank percentage rate was 4.69%.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go with Citizens Bank for the Lease-Purchase of 4-2023 Dodge Durangos with a fixed interest rate of 4.69%. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed property in Murdock and what happens after the individual finishes his time in the jail.

Mr. Ritcha, County Counselor let them know that the process starts all over once the individual is out of jail.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Henning discussed with the board about the concrete that is ready for the Expo Center shute.

9:34 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the following building permits:

1. Steffen Family Natural Resources, Ranch/Home headquarters in Section 17, Township 30, Range 07W.
2. Jared & Jordyn McMillian for a house in Section 14, Township 29, Range 05W.
3. Eric Meyers for a storage shed in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W.
4. Clayton Horsch for a Family Room
5. Ronald Bingham for a deck in Section 14, Township 28, Range 05W.
6. Max Dye for an animal shelter in Section 12, Township 28, Range 08W.
7. Patrick & Sheryl Gallagher for an Ag shop in Section 3, Township 29, Range 05W.
8. Jackie Ruckle for a shed in Section 5, Township 28, Range 10W.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he has a planning/zoning meeting tonight for a change in residential rezoning.

Mr. Goetz submitted a breakdown of the Kingman County Sanitarian permits for 2022 that he issued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:03 a.m. to discuss and individual 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 to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:13 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 10:13 a.m. with no decision made.

10:13 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works director was in to discuss fencing on construction projects with the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit for approval:

1. SC Telcom-Service cable to resident between Section 15 & 22, Township 29. Range 07 (Richland).

Steve Bachenberg, Engineer presented a KDOT form 14-02 for the Commissioners to sign to change the bridge to be repaired.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted an agreement from Kirkham Michael for engineering services for the Off-system Bridge FF.7-6.0 is located 3.4 miles north and 2.4 miles east of Murdock on NE 10 Street. The bridge spans an unnamed tributary to Smoots Creek and will be constructed with minimal approach pavement. Replace Bridge No. 000480759706220.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the engineering agreement with Kirkham-Michael for the Off-System Bridge FF.7-6.0 in the amount of \$42,000.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.