

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

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 6, 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, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Shanna Henry

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater 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.

8:32 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to give an update on the SPRINT grant.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes for the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the Kingman EMS 2022 Annual Report received from Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director to the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

| ABATEMENTS |         |
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| 2023000023 | -79.26  |
| 2023000024 | -270.22 |
| 2023000025 | -129.44 |

Commissioner Elpers discussed that he had someone call him about the rise in charges to use the indoor arena at the Expo Center.

8:59 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with the KDHE Aid to Local Application for grants to have the Board of Commissioners sign.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

9:10 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit from the following:

1. Durango Investment Holdings LLC-3 Petroleum Road Crossings-Sections 13 & 24,26 & 27 and SW 25 Avenue in Section 26- All in Township 30, Range 08W (Chikaskia).

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Stafford County Highway Department will be hosting the Spring Meeting of the South-Central Commissioners and Engineers, Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in St. John, Kansas.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on W.3-8.0 the SE 10 St River Bridge.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted financial reports for February to the Commissioners for review.

9:50 a.m. Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to discuss hiring John Wimer part-time to help with the spraying.

Commissioners agreed that he could hire him part-time to see how it goes and re-evaluate next year.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.