

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON April 24, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. April 24, 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.

Brandon Ritcha gave the invocation.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Tim Allender, Canton Township; Ed Miller, Valley Township and Victor Miller, Valley Township.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Shanna Henry; Caller 02

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No additions made.

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 told the Commissioners that there was a lot of things going on yesterday within the County.

Commissioners discussed that they will be attending a meeting at the Expo Center, Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the establishment of an Expo Center board.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$109,137.81.

8:40 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR was in to ask for a non-elected personnel executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 8:40 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an 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 they

will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:46 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:46 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve 2 weeks shared leave for an employee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed the veteran grave markers and that the current company used will not be able to get markers done before Memorial Day.

Commissioners moved to approve purchasing from Amazon but after discussion it lacked final approval due to a lack of a unanimous vote.

The County Clerk submitted the April 17, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the April 17, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:25 a.m. Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director was in with an update for the Commissioners.

Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that their numbers are increasing. Revenue was 1.76 million and expenses were almost 2.2 million.

Ms. Mader said that they are a Veteran Ready Organization.

Chairman Henning moved to open the RHID hearing at 10:00 a.m.

No public comments were made.

RHID has been finalized.

10:03 a.m. Tim Allender, Canton Township; Ed Miller, Valley Township and Vic Miller, Valley Township were in to discuss the proposed haul route for Flat Ridge IV.

Commissioners discussed that the roads will have to be as good or better as they were when the project starts by Invenergy.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director let the Townships know that there will be an engineer from Kirkham Michael to watch the construction and he will be the one to contact if problems or questions arise.

Mr. Allender asked if we have a map of where the wind turbines are going.

Mr. Ritcha let them know that the County hasn't received the map of the placement of the turbines yet but when they are received we will share them with the townships involved.

Commissioners let the township know that the door is always open if they have questions.

Mr. Allender, Mr. Miller left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Ed Miller discussed a road that they have landowners disagreeing on.

Commissioners hope that the landowners can work it out between themselves but would like for Mr. Miller to keep them updated on it.

Mr. Miller left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a Road & Bridge concrete truck action plan for Tower 37 restoration and the roads that would be used.

Mr. Arensdorf said he would like to see if the inspector services is included in the original agreement for reconstruction.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that they had a request from Flat Ridge 4 & 5 for copies of previous wind tower projects.

Commissioners feels it would be fine to give those copies for the request.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed W.3-8.0 Guardrail damage with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners would like to move forward on the repair of the guardrail.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.