

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON May 8th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 8th, 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; Keith Baringer; Lucas Dick; Jason Belt; Danny McDorman

Online Visitors: Zach; Caller 01; Heather Kinsler

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to take a recess to view the front steps with the board during the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a recess to view the steps. 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 discussed that EMS cannot request an open check book.

8:35 a.m. Lucas Dick; Keith Baringer; Danny McDorman and Jason Belt were in to discuss the packet submitted last Monday with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed that we want to make the Expo Center facility the best we can.

Mr. Dick discussed that they are not out for anyone's job and we don't want to see the facility go down because they want it here for the future.

Commissioners discussed the SPIRIT grant that has been applied for and if it is awarded then they will want to meet again to go over what is most important.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Dick, Mr. Baringer, Mr. Belt and Mr. McDorman to come back in a few weeks to see what can be done and they appreciate their time and help with the facility.

Mr. Dick, Mr. Baringer, Mr. Belt and Mr. McDorman left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

9:11 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was with client activity report for April 2023.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know about the Health Fair and the attendance was not what they were hoping for but it was a good fair.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she has two grants that total around \$108,000.00 that need to be used by the deadline.

The following quotes were given for the West Door of the Health Building:

Pratt Glass \$5,780.77

Cheney Door \$3902.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Cheney Door in the amount of \$3902.00 with grant money. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted the following quotes for a new sign in front of the Health Department:

Marks Custom Signs \$3,778.63

Schurie Signs \$6,024.00

Commissioners would like to have Ms. Schwartz ask the Extension Office if they would help pay for the sign.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the installation of Panic Buttons at the Health Department.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

9:38 a.m. Sheriff Brent Wood was in to introduce Riley Robinson the new dispatcher for Kingman County.

Sheriff Wood presented the April department report to the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that two vehicles they are purchasing are ready to pick up.

Sheriff Wood discussed the 2024 budget and the tower maintenance costs.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Chairman Henning opened the following bids for the Storage Building at 10:00 a.m.:

Josh Arensdorf \$ 56,516.00

Jake Knapic(Knapic Guttering) \$ 55,817.00

Chairman Henning discussed that they will change the doors from 9 X 7 to 10 X 10'.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the bid received from Jake Knapic(Knapic Guttering) of \$55,817.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 1st, 2023 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the May 1st, 2023 Commission meeting minutes with amendments. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read that the April sales tax was \$78,891.00.

Chairman Henning discussed the EMS contract and shared his thoughts with the board.

Commissioner Thimesch let the Board know that he did some re-searching on EMS services with other counties. Commissioner Thimesch found that the Kingman EMS is not out of line on the contract amount.

Commissioner Elpers asked about what is currently done for dispatching.

Commissioners discussed that they like the EMS part of the contract but the elimination of the city payment for dispatch they would like to continue.

Commissioners signed and approved the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
2023000035	-62.40
2023000036	-79.26
2023000037	-76.82
2023000038	-97.72
2023000039	-67.22
2023000040	-85.30

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$1,044,471.61.

11:04 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits for approval:

1. Ideatek Telcom LLC to lay fiber optic cable along NE 10 Ave, NE 20 St and N. Berry Avenue in Township 27, Range 07 (White).
2. SC Telcom to lay fiber optic cable along the east side of Sections 19 & 30, Township 28, Range 7 (East Ninnescah).

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on W.3-8.0 guardrail damage and the individual has been identified for the damage and bids for the repair should be received by Friday.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on utilities being placed for tower.

Commissioner Thimesch let Mr. Arensdorf know that the beavers are back at Murphy's and plugging up the drainage.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has received the Local Road Safety Plan for Kingman County.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted an agreement for his services with Kingman County as his current contract ends the end of May. The agreement will start June 1, 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Steve Bachenberg and Kingman County for Professional Engineering services to start June 1, 2023. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Chairman Henning discussed that he would like to have Department Heads to come in at least once a month to give an update.

Commissioners agreed that they would like all Department Heads to come in once a month to give an update.

Chairman Henning heard that the AEP windfarm was selling and asked Mr. Goetz to look into who they are selling to so they can renegotiate the decommissioning agreement.

Chairman Henning moved to recess the Board meeting at 11:48 a.m. to view the front steps of the Courthouse.

Chairman Henning called meeting back to order at 12:14 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:16 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.