

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON June 5th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 5th, 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; Clint Turner; Shanna Henry; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Grace Snyder, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler, Caller 01, user 1, Aleisha Woods, Zachary Bieghler, Caller 02, Chrissy Bartel.

Staff: Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Leah Ellis, Register of Deeds clerk; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with the County Attorney and another one with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of two executive sessions. 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."

8:35 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds introduced her new employee Leah Ellis to the County Commissioners. Ms. Hubbell also let the Commissioners know that she submitted her budget.

Ms. Hubbell and Ms. Ellis left the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

8:38 a.m. Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent was in to introduce the new agent Grace Snyder to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Thimesch submitted her quarterly report to the County Commissioners and the programs that she has done.

Ms. Thimesch discussed the direct contributions that K-State contributes to the extension budget. Budget submitted by the Fair Board Treasurer to the County Commissioners.

Clint Turner discussed the budget and the request of possible \$15000.00 to \$18000.00 from the \$11,000.00 received this year.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that as they grow that the request can rise.

Commissioners discussed that if they can make the fair bigger and attendance is greater then they will look at possible bigger budget.

Mr. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they are having Dixons draw out the building to work on the electrical.

9:15 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in with budget questions on the capital outlay.

9:31 a.m. Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits was in to go over the health insurance renewal.

Mr. Gilson and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

9:47 a.m. Monte Rose and Dave Steffen were in to discuss the Cunningham EMS budget. Mr. Rose submitted a budget request of \$10,000.00 for budget year 2024.

Mr. Steffen discussed the budget request and the EMS needs.

Commissioners let Mr. Rose and Mr. Steffen know that they will consider the budget request.

Mr. Rose and Mr. Steffen left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

10:01 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with compliance one information for the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:06 a.m. to discuss an 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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:21 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 10:21 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:21 a.m. to discuss an 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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:26 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the new hire payroll sheets. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

1. Travis Eck for a house in Section 19, Township 27, Range 7W.

Mr. Goetz submitted a copy of the Planning/Zoning meeting minutes for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Goetz discussed Casad's presentation at the meeting

The Planning/Zoning board approved the Special Use permit.

The Planning/Zoning board approved the request from ag use to heavy industrial so there is a 14-day grace period so the Commissioners will make the final decision after the protest period on June 13th, 2023.

Mr. Goetz presented a document from the Evan Township Board on their township road construction regulations for all New Developments within Evan Township.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

10:54 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the FLAP project and that it has been moved back another week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:05 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings 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 will return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:15 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings 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 will return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R7, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 9-1401. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Resolution 2023-R8, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 9-1401. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

11:30 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with quotes for a mini-split system for the entry way.

Commissioners want to think about the mini-split system.

Ms. Frampton discussed some of the things that she is working on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:40 a.m. to discuss an 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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:50 a.m. to discuss an 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(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners discussed hiring a full-time maintenance person for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton submitted a rate schedule for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed deposits for renting the facilities and if everything is left in good condition the deposit would be given back.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the May 22, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the May 22, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the railing for the front steps.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to move forward on the front step railings. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman opened correspondence from Core Circles for their 2024 Budget request of \$10,000.00.

Commissioners approved transfers and corrections through May 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,227,609.20.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Eck Electric for the CH/A in the temperature-controlled building for records storage. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS		ABATEMENTS	
2023000064	-143.40	2023000065	-69.11
2023000066	-63.84	2023000067	-65.12
2023000068	-60.08	2023000069	-57.04
2023000070	-56.80	2023000071	-51.26
2023000072	-44.08	2023000073	-2325.98
2023000074	-76.28	2023000075	-136.52
2023000076	-107.50	2023000077	-96.40

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.