

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON June 19th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 19th, 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; Danny McDorman; Clint Turner; Mike Floyd; Keith Baringer; Jason Belt; Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director; Clint Turner, Fair Board & Livestock Committee and Steve Drosselmeyer, Kingman Fire Chief.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Ty; Chrissy Bartel.

Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with the County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. 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."

Danny McDorman discussed that he got the financials from the Expo Center and the Expo is losing money every year.

Mr. McDorman asked why they are not doing anything about this.

Commissioners discussed that the building was built in the 70's and has never made money but it is economic development.

Commissioners discussed that they have heard a lot of complaining but no solutions have been given.

Mr. McDorman asked why the Committee wasn't included in the discussion for rate increases.

Larry Landwehr said that a whole lot of bitching going on.

8:57 a.m. Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with an update on what the Council on Aging provides for the County elderly.

Ms. Drake submitted the 2024 Budget request for Council on Aging.

Ms. Drake left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

9:03 a.m. Clint Turner was in to discuss that he was told that if the Fair Board would help take the stalls down then they may get the budget increase from 11500.00 to 15000.00-18000.00. If they don't want to help with taking the stalls down then they may not get the increase of their budget request.

Commissioners would like everyone to work together.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the advertisement of stall removal. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Turner, Mr. Belt, Mr. McDorman, Mr. Floyd and Mr. Baringer left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Steve Drosslemeyer, Kingman Fire Chief and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:26 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 9:36 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 9:36 a.m. with no decision made.

9:37 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that Sarah Carroll, Inevergy has scheduled a time on the June 26th, 2023 Commission meeting.

Chairman Henning let the board know that she talked with Sarah Carroll and would like to have time in the afternoon of June 26th 2023.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Nextera has requested a temporary wind measuring that he has approved. Also, they will have a mobile unit also.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Phil Moorhouse Jr. for a house in Section 25, Township 28, Range 5.
2. Circle P Land & Livestock for a shed in Section 29, Township 30, Range 7.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

10:09 a.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in to discuss that the 2023 AG Survey mailer is needed this year by state statute. Ms. Hartley submitted quotes from Postalocity and Master's Touch.

Ms. Hartley discussed that the quote from Master's Touch was priced per piece and not an all inclusive bid.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Postalocity in the amount of \$1838.25 for the 2023 AG Survey mailers. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June 12th, 2023, County Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the June 12th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:25 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the May financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the 2024 budget information with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like Ms. Stegman to make some changes to the spreadsheets and come back next week.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge Vouchers in the amount of \$25,887.00.

11:46 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

1. Kingman Wind Energy II LLC-Road Modifications for T-78 Restoration Project-Action Plan.
2. Kingman Wind Energy II LLC-Road Modifications for T-37 Restoration Project-Action Plan.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP Project and that they are planning a start date the week of July 5th, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the guardrail repair.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted information from John Riggins for the SW 70 St repair and asked the Commissioners if they want to start the bid process.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that it would be okay to move forward with the bid process.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

12:12 p.m. Sheriff Brent Wood was in with a department update and submitted the department report for May 2023 to the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that he is looking at quotes for shower shut offs for the jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Sheriff Brent Wood, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:16 p.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

individuals to be discussed, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:34 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:34 p.m. with no decision made.

Chairman discussed KCAMP information received and that they are raising the insurance by 25% and deductibles are increasing.

Commissioners would like to contact local Insurance carriers and see if they would like to bid the County Insurance.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.