

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON July 3rd, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 3rd, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman

Patrick Elpers, Commissioner -online

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; Sheila Govert, Kingman County Carnival Inc and Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Caller 02

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager and Sheriff Brent Wood.

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to have an executive session with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No comment was made.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June 26th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the June 26th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:45 a.m. Sheila Govert, Kingman County Carnival Inc was in to discuss the Carnival with the County Commissioners and submitted a request of \$5,000.00 for 2024 budget.

Ms. Govert left the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

8:54 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss a few grants that are available to apply for.

Ms. Schrag discussed a CDBG/CVR grant that is available to help businesses and the County would need to apply for that grant.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
2023000084	-12.48
2023000085	-350.98
2023000086	-148.11
2023000087	-352.26

Chairman Henning read correspondence received from the Workforce Alliance wanting an elected official appointed to the CEOB(Chief Elected Official Board).

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Carol Noblit, County Clerk to the CEOB. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Adams Brown the Auditors for Kingman County and needed a signed acceptance and understanding of services.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the acceptance and understanding of services with Adams Brown. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:16 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 9:26 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 9:26 a.m. with no decision made.

9:28 a.m. Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse were in to discuss the air conditioning in the Health and Extension Office and that it is not working correctly.

MOTION: Based upon the recommendation of the Grant Administrator, Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Dixon's LLC which included adding the back room for a total of \$35615.00 to be paid with grant funds. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Thimesch left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

9:46 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss the 2024 budget with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Revenue Neutral Rate with Ms. Stegman.

Ms. Stegman went over options with the Commissioners.

Ms. LaDawn left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with an applicant for the Expo Center part-time position.

Commissioners agreed to the hiring of the part-time person for the Expo Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the change in status for a few employees. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

10:58 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a sample of the onyx overlay and to show how well it is standing up.

Commissioners asked questions about placing onyx overlay on other roads within the County.

Mr. Arensdorf said he wouldn't use it on a road overlay within the first five years.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the guardrail repair for W.3-8.0 Bridge has been completed.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a KDOT contract for signature by the Commissioners on Bridge on NE 10 St 3.4 miles north and 2.4 miles East of Murdock on NE 10th St.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve contract for bridge Project No. 48 C-5230-01. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:08 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 11:18 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 11:18 a.m. with no decision made.

11:18 a.m. Sheriff Wood & Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager were in to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he has received an \$11,000.00 donation from Phillips 66 for Sheriff radios.

Sheriff Wood discussed the quote for the purchase of two UHF repeaters from Mobile Radio in the amount of \$31,889.66.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of the UHF repeaters for \$31,889.66 to be paid out of the Capital Equipment Fund . Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.