

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON July 17th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 17th, 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; Heath Harrington; Camille Harrington; Cheryl Simon; Steve Simon; Gwen Kelly; Ed Miller; Drew Durst; Mike, Ryan, & Chris from Prairieland Partners and Ms. Hacker.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Chrissy Bartel; Caller 02; Mayor Harrel; Tammy and Sean Wallace.

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

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. 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.

Ms. Hacker requested if they can have the Constitutional Day celebration again here on the Courthouse lawn on September 17, 2023.

Commissioners let Ms. Hacker know that they can have the Constitutional Day celebration.

8:33 a.m. Heath Harrington was in to

8:45 a.m. Drew Durst, Prairieland Partners was in to discuss the current facility and the proposed location to move West of Kingman. Mr. Durst would like to apply for a grant and would need the County to help with the in-kind expense of matching funds.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Durst if they were planning on paving NW 10th Street.

Mr. Durst let them know it would just be a good rock road.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if they are just asking for help with the grant.

Mr. Durst said that is correct.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that it would bring in more jobs and tax dollars into the County.

Commissioners discussed a tax exemption for ten years with Mr. Durst.

Commissioners let Mr. Durst to get in contact with the Township to let them know.

Commissioners told Mr. Durst that they are behind them and are supportive of the new location.

Mr. Durst left the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

9:09 a.m. Tom Frazier was in to discuss that he is working with Stan Goetz about the possibility of closing a road. The road isn't being used currently but it will not come before the zoning board for a couple of months.

Mr. Frazier left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

9:20 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the 2024 budget with the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners would like to hold the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at the County Commissioners Room at 130 North Spruce St on August 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the Budget Hearing to be held after.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2024 Budget draft on July 17, 2023. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

9:59 a.m. Scott Strong, Strong Insurance was in to request giving the County an insurance quote this year.

Commissioners would like Strong's to prepare a quote.

Mr. Strong left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the Belmont tire situation with the Commissioners.

10:25 a.m. Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent was in to request the Commissioners attend July 27th, 2023, Cookie Judging for the fair at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Thimesch left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to review Ninnescah township consultation request with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers approved the Ninnescah Township consultation request. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the Consulting services Agreement contract with Schwab Eaton for RS363-RS2025 Hot Mix Surface Overlay Program with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the consulting services agreement with Schwab Eaton for RS363-RS2025 Hot Mix Surface Overlay Program with a net fee of \$9,800.00 and the upper limit of compensation for the services detailed is \$80,500.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a contract for consulting services for project RS 607 and RS 361 asphalt overlay.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the consulting service agreement with Schwab Eaton for RS 607 and RS 361 asphalt overlay with a net fee of \$10,300.00 and the upper limit of compensation for the services detailed is \$86,500.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Kingman County for project no. 48 C-5230-01 to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agreement between Secretary of Transportation and Kingman County Project No. 48 C-5230-01. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the parking west of the Law Enforcement Center will have to remain as parallel parking as semis can't make the corner if it was angeled parking.

Mr. Arensdorf presented yearly solid waste hauling permits from T & W Meats Co.; Stutzman Refuse Disposal, Inc; Nisly Brothers, Inc; Waste Connections Inc. and TW Rolloffs.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the solid waste agreement with T& W Meats Co. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the solid waste agreement with Stutzman Refuse Disposal, Inc. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the solid waste agreement with Nisly Brothers, Inc. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the solid waste agreement with Waste Connections, Inc. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the solid waste agreement with TW Rolloffs. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg gave an update on the FLAP project and that things are not moving.

Commissioners would like for Mr. Bachenberg to apply for the next project with a 50% match.

Ted Lukens; Steve Simon; Cheryl Simon; Gwen Kelly; Ed Miller were in to discuss an opened road that has been locked by a landowner and landowners cannot get to their property.

Ted Lukens was in to discuss the gate on a township road that is an open road.

Mr. Lukens talked about road and asked if it could be maintained.

Ms. Kelly asked if the gate could just be taken out.

Commissioners discussed the road but could not give advice on what they should do.

If the township road has never been closed and is an open road it should be maintained. Ms. Kelly, Mr. Lukens, Mr. Simon, Ms. Simon, Mr. Miller left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Chairman Henning gave the Commissioners an update on the HVAC for the Health Department/Extension office and a phone call that he had received.

Chairman Henning discussed the history of the correspondence between the City and County for Dispatch and EMS services.

Commissioners went over a letter received from the City of Kingman on Friday, July 14, 2023 in regards to Dispatch and EMS wanting a response by July 19, 2023.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted a quote from Postalocity for the mailing of the RNR notices to taxpayers.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Postalocity in the amount of \$7270.01 for RNR mailing. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.