

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON July 24th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 24th, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director

Online Visitors: Macay Ewy; Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03; Chrissy Bartel

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Sheriff Brent Wood; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; 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 add an atty-client executive session.

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."

8:33 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to talk about the CDBGCVR grant and that the County would have to apply for this grant and there is no match requirement. Ms. Schrag would like SCKEDD to write the grant and it would be a cost of \$1750.00 as the County is a member. Commissioners discussed SCKEDD and if they could watch for grants available for the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the \$1750.00 SCKEDD grant help. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag submitted information on a tourism marketing grant program through the state.

Commissioners would like to wait on the tourism marketing grant program because they would like for businesses to be asked if they would use it.

Ms. Schrag submitted information from a survey that was performed from epic(Engaging Placemaking for Innovative Communities) and the rating received.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Schrag know that the County is discussing doing away with Economic Development.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that she costs the county \$45000.00 per year and she has brought \$2,081,552.00 to the County in grant dollars over the past four years.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

9:13 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to request signatures for Ninnescah Valley Bank in Cunningham.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Sheriff Brent Wood was in with department monthly reports.

Chairman Henning discussed that he received a call from the Sheriff on the roof leaking and they called Mattie Giefer to fix some roof issues.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that there is low spots on the roof that hold water and need to be addressed.

Sheriff Wood went over estimated inmate cost per day with the Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director was in with an update for the Commissioners. Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that the budget is moving in the right direction.

Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that she has received grant money of \$466,000.00 for mobile crisis unit services.

United Health Care grant was received of \$75,000.00 to help Children in our area.

Ms. Mader left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

9:53 a.m. Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with an update on the old tower and has left messages. Concrete break test came back good for the new tower.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he attended a class last week that will allow him to write his own exercises which is part of his certification.

Mr. Ewy requested taking a class to be certified to program radios for a cost of \$1600.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Mr. Ewy being certified to program radios for \$1600.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into Executive session at 10:03 with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor 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 they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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10:33 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Commissioners asked Ms. Schwartz about a bill received from Eck Electric on the generator.

Ms. Schwartz gave grant updates.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the replacement of the sign and that she asked the Extension Council to help with cost per Commissioner request and they declined as it is being purchased with grant funds./
Ms. Schwartz presented quotes for the sign for the Health Department from the following:
Mark's Custom Signs \$3515.00
Schurle Signs \$6024.00

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Mark's Custom signs in the amount of \$3515.00 from IAP/3 grant funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael were in to go over the bids received for the SW 70th St Pavement Repair from the following:

APAC Kansas Inc Shears Division	\$1,017,214.75	
Add alternate	\$ 235,657.35	
Total	\$1,252,872.10	Spring 2024

Pearson Construction LLC	\$ 973,287.85	
Add alternate	\$ 227,549.00	

Total \$1,200,836.85 Fall 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Pearson Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,200,836.85. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed that the \$973,287.85 would be paid with the funds received from NextEra Energy for the damage to the road and the add alternate amount of \$227,549.00 would be paid from County funds.

Commissioners signed the notice of award to Pearson Construction LLC.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that there is a bid opening July 31, 2023, for the St. Leo Road.

Mr. Arensdorf informed the Commissioners that the Fuel bid openings will be held next week.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the bridge inspection report is scheduled for August 7, 2023.

Chairman Henning requested changing the date of the bridge inspection report for August 14, 2023.

Mr. Yost gave an update on the Flat Ridge 1 & 2 reconstruction progress.

11:35 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the June financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman presented a list of stale dated checks to write off and put into the County revenue.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the write off of the Sheriff Department stale dated checks. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the emergency box for the elevator. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners read bids received for heating and air conditioners and would like to table them for the time being.

The County Clerk submitted the Commission minutes for July 10th, 2023, and July 17th, 2023, Commission meetings.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the July 10th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the July 17th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.