

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
ON September 18, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 18, 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; Jon Wollen, City Commissioner; Julie Lyon; Mr. Lyanet

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No addition to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. 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 discussed that he doesn't agree to the bully tactic that the hears about coming to a agreement.

Bob Morris discussed that he agreed with what Larry Landwehr said last week and that the rubber needs to meet the road. Mr. Morris said that there needs to be communication between the County and the City.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer said she was proud to work for the County and they are a great employer.

Chairman Henning discussed what he felt come from the City meeting with the Board.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he has heard many concerns from the taxpayers on the EMS service and he let them know that the County never said they would not have service.

Chairman Henning discussed the email received and if it was to be confidential.

Mr. Wollen, City Commissioner was in to discuss EMS and that Mr. McFarland suggested having a committee for the EMS with including a County Commissioner.

Mr. Wollen said he appreciated Mr. Thimesch bold proposal but there have been questions on the current equipment and the costs of just handing it over.

Chairman Henning discussed the thought of a Committee and that it will still be up to the City Commission to make the decisions.

Mr. Wollen discussed that the County should be congratulating the EMS for their accomplishments and the City should be congratulating the County for their accomplishments.

Mr. Wollen, Ms. Stegman and Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

9:11 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a client activity report from August 21 – September 15, 2023.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that flu vaccines will be starting at the Health Department on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that Kansas WIC is working on protocols for remote visits and gave a vaccine update.

Ms. Schwartz submitted quotes for Health Department Cabling from the following:

Eck Services \$2950.00

Integrus IT \$4,280.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Brandon Ritcha for non-elected personnel matters at 9:37 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance 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 9:47 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 9:47 a.m. with no decision made.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 11, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence received through the mail.

10:00 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that they are working on the policies and procedures for the LEC.

Mr. Goetz discussed that Eagle Township was in to ask the status on the tire fence in Belmont and that there is work being done.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Brad & Kristin Rose for a house & shed in Section 3, Township 30, Range 05W.
2. Shad Milford for a shed in Section 10, Township 27, Range 09W.
3. Kent & Cynthia Anthony for a cabin in Section 33, Township 30, Range 09W.
4. Perry Smith for a house in Section 9, Township 28, Range 07W.
5. Riley & Kristen Rosenhagen for a house in Section 3, Township 29, Range 05W.
6. Jimmy Williams for a single wide-cleveland in Section 1, Township 29, Range 08W.
7. Don Terhune for a lean to off of shed in Section 17, Township 30, Range 6W.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

10:24 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with the following right of way permits:

1. SC Telcom-Service drop to residence in Section 32 & 33, Township 27, Range 10W(Dresden).
2. Haviland Broadband to lay fiber optic cable in Section 10, Township 30, Range 05W (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the damages of the SE 10 street river bridge guardrail vandalism has been paid for.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the St. Leo Road and the 607-361 Hot Mix projects to the Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the mowing being done by township and that they would need to attend a class on mowing safety.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed what stipulations need to be followed.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed that they are going to have local consult in Newton.

Mr. Bachenberg gave a FLAP project update to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that they met with Valley Township this morning on the consultation request.

Josh Beckham, Kirkham Michael was in for the bids received from the following:

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| L & M Construction | \$137,890.00 |
| Reece Construction | \$222,918.04 |
| Bridges Inc.       | \$186,932.00 |

Engineers estimate was \$145,980.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the bid from L & M Construction in the amount of \$137,890.00 contingent on the Engineers approval for the D.0-6.2 Bridge repair. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf said that he should have some funds in the Special Bridge fund and the sales tax fund to help pay for this D.0-6.2 Bridge repair.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.