

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON September 25, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 25, 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; Julie Ziegler; Faith Ziegler; Tina Ziegler; Julie Lyon; Mr. Enyart; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; 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.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent presented a proclamation to the Commissioners to approve having October 1-October 7th, 2023, as National 4-H Week.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the proclamation for October 1-October 7, 2023, being National 4-H Week. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Thimesch left the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Chairman Henning let Bob Morris know what is being said in the paper is not factual.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the proposal and how it came about.

Julie Ziegler asked to speak and let the Commissioners know what she hears from her side.

Chairman Henning said that the Commissioners job is to watch how the County taxpayers dollars are spent and Kingman City is county taxpayers also.

Mr. Ritcha discussed that he has heard EMS employees are worried about their jobs and have had things said to them.

The Commissioners discussed that they have never said they would change the way EMS is run or let any employee go if they were to take over the EMS.

Mr. Landwehr asked the Chairman how much the new 911 tower cost the county.

Chairman Henning said the final payments haven't been paid yet but the amount is approximately \$1,500,000.00.

8:57 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss SCS Engineering request approved by the Commissioners to check wells.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the request was presented to the County Counselor and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and they seen nothing wrong with the request.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve that SCS Engineering to check and monitor wells. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

9:03 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss that her two printers in the Tag office and Treasurers office went down last week and one is being held together with tape.

Ms. Smith submitted quotes from the following:

Century Business Technologies Ricoh IM C3010 \$5,746.00 and monthly maintenance of \$50.33
Century Business Technologies Kyocera TASKalfa 3554ci \$6,127.00 and monthly maintenance of \$48.90

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the purchase of the Ricoh IM C3010 for \$5,746.00 monthly maintenance \$50.33. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Smith asked if it would be okay to make an official Treasurers facebook page to be able to get notices out to the public.

Commissioners agreed if she was the only one managing the page.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the September 18, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 18, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning received information from AEP canceling their guaranty as they have sold to a new company. The documents they sent will need to be signed by the County Commissioners approving the release of guaranty to AEP.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the cancelling of the AEP guarantee and accepting the new company guarantee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commission approved the following abatement:

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9:33 a.m. Jamie Hower; Mike Osner and Scott Strong were in to present a Commercial Insurance Proposal to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hower, Mr. Osner and Mr. Strong left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

9:52 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a Notice of Award for the D.O-6.2 Repair by L & M Constructors, Inc.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the August financial report to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave project updates on the Hot Mix Overlays a) St. Leo Road b) 607-361 c) SW 70 St. repair.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the City of Kingman monitoring wells assessment and access agreement to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go to Strong's Insurance for Commercial Insurance for 2024. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners decided not to work the week of Columbus/Indigenous People's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:58 a.m. 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 11:20 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 11:20 a.m.

Commissioners signed vouchers for Road & Bridge in the amount of \$116,478.08.

Commissioners signed vouchers for County in the amount of \$236,206.22.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:44 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.