

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON October 16, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. October 16, 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; Dale Enyart and Clayton Potts.

Online Visitors: User 01, Chrissy Bartel, Tammy, Julie Ziegler, Heather, Heather Kinsler

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Sheriff Wood; Samantha Price, Dispatcher; Alex Purcell, Detention Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman would like to have an atty-client executive session with the County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with an atty-client 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.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he attended the KDOT event in Newton last week and the bypass for Kingman and Pratt was discussed. Mr. Landwehr felt that Kingman was represented well at this event.

8:35 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask a question of the Commissioners about a request received from Darran Headley about building on an existing slab and it being placed on NRP.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve NRP for Justin Headley on an existing slab. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:40 a.m. Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that she discussed Peoples Bank and a resolution will need to be in place to allow money to be placed in a CD there.

Ms. Smith discussed the tax sale has not been finalized yet.

Commissioner Thimesch let Ms. Smith know that he will contact Mr. McElgunn about the tax sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Attorney and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:58 a.m. to discuss an individual employee 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 to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:08 a.m. with no decision made.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

9:09 a.m. Sheriff Wood introduced new employees, Samantha Price (Dispatcher) and Alex Purcell (Detention) to the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR was in with some personnel changes to be signed by the Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood submitted a quote from Sunny Communications, Inc for a Motorola APX6500 Mobile 700/800 Complete Remote Mount Kit and Setup in the amount of \$7,159.57.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Sunny Communications, Inc for Remote Mount Kit for \$7,159.57. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

9:35 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in and requested attending KMAAG 2023 training.

Commissioners agreed to the training.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the September Financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

10:02 a.m. Clayton Potts and Stan Goetz, Planning/Zoning Director was in to discuss a zoning issue that Mr. Potts is having with the smell of hogs by a neighboring property. Mr. Potts said he has nothing against hogs he just wants some fresh air.

Mr. Potts left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Chairman Henning asked Mrs. Ziegler what she feels about the change to EMS.

Mrs. Ziegler said if she were to answer that it would be her opinion and her opinion only so she would not answer.

10:25 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in and let the Commissioners know that KWORCC has asked if the County would stay with them for work comp. Mr. Goetz told them to contact Chairman Henning.

Mr. Goetz discussed the issue he is having with a property owner piling up of tires.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Grady Laverentz for a house/shed in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W (Evan).
2. Ron Mosher for a Pole barn in Section 36, Township 28, Range 05W.
3. Darran Headley for a House & guest house in Section 35, Township 27, Range 07W.
4. Amanda Benson & Ted May for a house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W(Evan).

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

10:44 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to update the County Commissioners on the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

10:56 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with September financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave hot mix project updates for 363-2025, 607-361, SW 70 St and FLAP project.

Mr. Arensdorf had the contracts signed for D.0-6.2 Bridge repair and gave an update on the start date. Also, executed the C/E agreement for the project.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Construction Engineering contract with Kirkham Michael for the D.0-6.2 Bridge repair. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the possible locations for ONYX applications in 2024. (1) South Kingman (2) South of Penalosa (3) South of Zenda (4) Blueberry Hill Road with $\frac{3}{4}$ cent sales tax funding.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Groundwater Sampling Report has been submitted to KDHE.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Commissioners signed the following Escape:

ESCAPE	
2023000096	1,375.58

Commissioners approved the transfers and Corrections for September 2023 in the amount of \$1,598,455.31.

Commissioners discussed a letter of support for the Kingman Council on Aging for 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a letter of support for the Kingman Council on Aging for 2024. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the October 2, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the October 2, 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 approve the SAM surveying and mapping, LLC contract for the County Appraiser office in the amount of \$7,750.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners approved the following 2024 holidays:

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 15, 2024
Presidents Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Columbus/Indigenous Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024
	Friday, November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:50 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 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:10 p.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:10 p.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 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:20 p.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:20 p.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 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:25 p.m. with no decision made.

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