

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
ON October 23, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. October 23, 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; Mr. Enyart; Julie Lyon; Vick Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: User 02, Chrissy Bartel, Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. 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 will be moved the county checking to CBK (Citizens Bank of Kansas N.A.) after negotiations.

Ms. Smith submitted documents to be signed by the County Commissioners and County Clerk.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R17, Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the September 16, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the September 16, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department report and let the Commissioners know that immunizations were up.

Ms. Schwartz discussed WIC modernization with the Commissioners and what still will need to be done in person.

Ms. Schwartz submitted the Medical consultant agreement between Dr. Morris and Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Dr. Morris as Kingman County Medical consultant. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioner.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the KDOT meeting that was held in Wichita last week that was attended.

9:26 a.m. Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health was in with a quarterly update for the Commissioners.

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Ms. Mader went over the financials and services with the Commission for July, August and September.

Ms. Mader left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

9:50 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with an update.

Mr. Goetz discussed the hog issue with the Commissioners and let them know that he talked to the landowner.

Mr. Goetz discussed the tire issue on a property and what steps that need to be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Attorney and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:03 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 10:13 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 10:13 a.m. with no decision made.

10:14 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to request a match for a seed grant for Zenda City.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a \$1,000.00 match for Zenda application for the TEFPI-SEED grant. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag submitted a grant resource guide, housing resource guide and childcare resource guide for the county commissioners.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

10:27 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with a department update for the Commissioners.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the Christmas Dinner for the County Employees and would like for it to be on December 22, 2023.

10:48 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and let the Commissioners know that the FLAP project has been finished.

Mr. Arensdorf gave the Commissioners a structures evaluation for the Flat Ridge 4 & 5 received.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:19 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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