

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON October 30, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. October 30, 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; Dale Enyart; Jeanne Johnson and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: User 01, Tammy, L.Kelly, Caller 01

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

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

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 thought there would have been more comments in the paper.

Chairman Henning let the board know that he attended the City of Kingman meeting last Thursday and discussed the bypass.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed attending KDOT meetings and the importance of getting the bypass started to go around Kingman. It is time to get this done.

9:00 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a request of changing the courthouse maintenance position going from part time to full time.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the changing of the courthouse maintenance position from part-time to full-time position. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed the upcoming performance reviews that will start on November 20th, 2023.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Clayton Yoder for a House in Section 27, Township 27, Range 07W.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the TextnyGov proposal for \$4,000.00 per year and the first year with an additional \$2,000.00 for setup. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

9:27 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse submitted quotes for recabling from Integris IT for \$4,280.00 and Eck Services of \$3,200.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Eck Services in the amount of \$3,200.00 that includes warranty. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the Commission meeting at 9:40 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the September 23, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the September 23, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:50 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 the Board meeting room at 10:00 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 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Henning discussed the EMS and Dispatch contracts and decided they would like to continue for 2024 with the 2023 contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the 2024 contract for EMS services which is the same as the 2023 contract and give time to work on a long term contract. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:00 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with a letter of support for U.S. Highway 54 Four-Lane Expansion that the County Commissioners could approve and sign.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the letter of support for the US Highway 54 Four-Lane Expansion. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag reviewed her report for the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he looked at houses this weekend and found 51 homes that are not being lived in and wanted to know what can be done to get people living in these homes.

Commissioners discussed the housing assessment being done by WSU with Ms. Schrag.

Ms. Schrag let them know that the assessment should be done in February 2024.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

10:42 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with updates on D.0-6.2 Bridge Repair, SW 70 St Hot Mix Overlay and Cheney Reservoir FLAP project.

Mr. Arensdorf let the County Commissioners know that no propane bids were received.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.