

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON November 6th, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. November 6th, 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 and Jeanne Johnson.

Online Visitors: User 2, Tammy, Chrissy Bartel, Heather

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed; 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.

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 things seem to have become status quo.

8:30 a.m. Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to give an update on his department. Mr. Leroux let them know that he is has been spraying, cleaning equipment and cleaning the shop.

Mr. Leroux left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

8:42 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director with in with a new hire form for a detention officer.

Mr. Goetz discussed an employee going from full time to part time. Commissioners would like to talk to the department head before deciding.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the copier in his office is no longer working.

Mr. Goetz submitted a quote for a used copier from Century Business Technologies for the amount of \$2,945.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Century Business for a used copier in the amount of \$2,945.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he talked with Leon Sowers and he discussed that he a few other people are putting together a group against a windfarm being on the Eastern part of the County.

Mr. Goetz and the Commissioners discussed that Mr. Sowers and Mr. Beshore would like to see some zoning regulations to not allow wind turbines on the East side of the County.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Goetz that they don't want to change the regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:03 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's 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 9:18 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Returned to regular session at 9:18 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve changing an employee from Full-time to part-time. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hubbell went over his department financials.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the October 30, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the October 30, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, Election Officer discussed with the Commissioners moving the meeting next week from Monday the 13th to Tuesday the 14th, 2023 so that the County Canvass can be prepared for due to the Holiday on Friday the 10th.

9:32 a.m. Sheriff Wood was in to introduce a new detention officer Cheyenne Estes.

Sheriff Wood discussed with the County Commissioners how well the tower is working.

Sheriff Wood left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

9:41 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

- 1) SC Telcom-Road Crossing-Fiber Optic Cable-between sections 5 & 8, Township 28, Range 10W (Rural).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a letter received from the State on the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the D.0-6.2 bridge repair East of Cunningham.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed ONYX Seal Coat Applications for 2024.

County Commissioners discussed some possible areas to improve roads.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in at the Commissioners request to discuss the dispatching costs.

Chairman Henning requested Ms. Stegman to get some information together for dispatching and wants actual numbers of what it costs.

Chairman Henning allowed public comment from Jeanne Johnson who was in attendance.

Ms. Johnson discussed that she looked at the census and about 50 % of people live in the City and 50% in the County how does that figure into things.

Commissioner Elpers said the Commissioners represent all county residents whether they are in the city or out in the county.

Commissioners asked Ms. Stegman to get them the EMS figures.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Commissioners discussed properties around the county and the taxes.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

