

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
ON November 27, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. November 27, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Jerry Henning, Chairman
Pat Elpers, Commissioner
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr; Julie Lyon and Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Heather Kinsler; user 01 and F.

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager 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.

No comments were made.

8:33 a.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser submitted a form that she will be sending out to landowners use of acreage.

Commissioners said that if landowners have questions on the form they can contact them.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in with an NRP extension request from Matt Casper.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the NRP Extension for Matt Casper as it is his first request. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley and Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the November 20th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the November 20th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton at 8:58 a.m. to discuss employee's performance 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:16 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 9:16 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:24 a.m. to discuss employee's performance 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:29 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 9:29 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve shared leave for an employee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz at 9:30a.m. to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected prsonnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:45 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 9:45 a.m. with no decision made.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

9:48 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the Ambulance Costs with the County Commissioners for 2016 to 2022 audited numbers.

Chairman Henning discussed that the excess funds were to be placed into an ambulance fund.

Commissioners discussed the numbers that were presented.

Jon Wollen, City Commissioner asked if the utilities were included in the figures.

Ms. Stegman explained that the numbers came from the City audit and all the expenses were included in the figures for the Ambulance Fund.

Larry Landwehr discussed that by the numbers received that the City was not truthful when requesting funding from the County.

Ms. Stegman discussed a spreadsheet she submitted that showed the PILOT revenue through the years and what it was spent on.

Ms. Stegman let the Commissioners know if the PILOT monies received by December 31, 2023 there will be 62,147.59 will be excess and she asked if it could be used to pay extra expenses for the 911 tower.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to have the excess funds of \$62,147.59 be used to pay 911 tower expenses that were needed for installation. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager at 10:40 a.m. to discuss employee's performance 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 will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:55 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 10:55 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Ewy left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

10:59 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and discussed the snow removal that was done over the weekend.

Commissioners commended Mr. Arensdorf and his staff on the great job they did on the snow removal.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a permit to the Commissioners for the following:

- 1) Haviland Telephone-placement of fiber optic cable in various locations in Townships 29 (5) Allen and 30 (5) Bennett.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted letters to be signed on the FLAP project-Cheney Reservoir.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a letter that will be sent relating to traffic control at the intersection NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave.

Mr. Arensdorf and Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael were in with a design and construction engineering agreement for safety improvements at Peter #25 RCB-SW 80 St. for the Commissioners approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the design and construction engineering agreement with Kirkham Michael for Peter #25 RCB not to exceed \$18,563.80. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Beckman discussed some bridges they might want to begin designs for with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Beckman left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the ONYX Seal Coat proposal he received for 2024 with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners would like to wait on the ONYX at this time.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the property insurance quotes received.

Chairman Henning went through correspondence received from Council on Aging.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:45 p.m.
Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.