

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 21, 2016

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on March 21, 2016. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson

John Steffen, Commissioner

John Caton, County Counselor was present.

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Gayle Dye; Donna Hardesty; Fred Vaughn and Jim Wahlmeier, Kingman Community Hospital; Kevin Starbuck, G&G Dozer.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator, Heather Kinsler, 911 Coordinator; Randy Hill, Sheriff.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the County agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked for public comment. It was noted that it is a windy day.

The minutes from the March 14 meeting were discussed. Minor editorial changes were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the March 14 minutes with the changes discussed. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The minutes from the special joint City-County meeting on March 17 were discussed. Commissioner Steffen clarified his comment about the Activity Center area to better define what he was referencing.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the March 17 special joint City-County meeting minutes with that clarification. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

John Caton presented a lease agreement between Mirror Inc. and Kingman County to use a portion of the Health Department building for drug and alcohol counseling.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the lease agreement between Mirror Inc. and Kingman County as presented. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

1:15 p.m. Charles Arensdorf and Steve Bachenberg were in to discuss transportation matters.

Mr. Arensdorf suggested adding a solar-powered caution light to each of the “curve ahead” signs near Murdock (on SE 20th St. and SE 100th Ave.) while the county waits for a safety study of the area by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Mr. Bachenberg indicated he could find nothing to indicate the addition of the light would affect the county’s liability. Cost of each light is approximately \$50.

County Counselor John Caton said the problem could come if the lights are added and then taken down later, unless the safety study recommends such action. Commissioners directed Mr. Arensdorf to add the lights to the signs.

Mr. Bachenberg indicated the county should hear something on the safety study in the next month. Changes in federal programs impacted the program and funding temporarily. The hope is to have results of the study by the end of the year.

Commissioners discussed a draft of a general road agreement. Mr. Caton said this was a draft of a general “framework” agreement. Any individual project also would include an action plan with details specific to that project.

Discussion included how the need for road overlays and bridge repairs would be determined. That is the type of detail that could be in an action plan. Mr. Caton will update the agreement. He said its purpose is to nail down concepts that will work across a variety of projects.

Mr. Arensdorf indicated that the hot mix overlay project on Spivey Road will not start until after harvest.

Mr. Bachenberg said he is still waiting for a detailed accounting of the county’s federal aid dollars being held by the state. He expects KDOT to notify the county by April 1. The county must commit these funds to a transportation project this year.

Mr. Arensdorf said he was contacted by G&G Dozer, which is doing the Main Street demolition. A basement was discovered under one of the buildings. The company also contacted Mr. Arensdorf with concerns about the stability of the south wall of the damaged property at 226 N. Main and how it will affect the NU2U building next door.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Bachenberg left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

2:40 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in with several items. Gary Hardman with Blue Cross Blue Shield will be here next week with a yearly report.

Commissioners discussed County Policy #12 – Sick Leave. Mr. Caton recommended clarifying when sick leave is earned and when it is available for use. No action was taken.

Mr. Goetz was contacted by a resident wanting to know the process to name a stream or creek on the resident’s property. This is a matter between the landowner and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Foley left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.; he returned at 3:05 p.m.

3:05 p.m. Kevin Starbuck with G&G Dozer was in to discuss the Main Street demolition. He said the NU2U building is not attached to an exterior wall on its north side. The company plans to leave the south

wall and a portion of the corners of 226 N. Main until Kingman Community Hospital can tie that wall into the NU2U building.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved that the commission recess its meeting, beginning at 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to reconvene the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Additional discussion of the Main Street demolition was held. Mr. Caton indicated the agreement between Kingman Community Hospital and the County calls for KCH to stabilize and waterproof the wall between lots 38 and 40. Once the county has paid its share of that work, the county has no further financial obligation. The fact the wall is not structurally sound is the hospital's responsibility

3:30 p.m. Fred Vaughn, director of engineering/safety for the hospital and Jim Wahlmeier, CFO for the hospital, are in to discuss the NU2U building wall.

Mr. Vaughn said KCH planned to tie the wall to the NU2U building's trusses and flooring. KCH is ready to do that work at any time. All agreed the work could begin.

Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Starbuck and Mr. Wahlmeier left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

3:40 p.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance, updated commissioners on the panic alarm system in the courthouse and possible upgrades.

Sheriff Randy Hill said his office wants to be included in any discussion of a new system to ensure nothing overloads the dispatch system at the Law Enforcement Center. The topic will be discussed at a department head meeting.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Mr. Schnittker updated Commissioners on new courthouse windows, including possible funding.

Mr. Schnittker left the meeting at 4 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the March 17 special joint meeting with the Kingman City Commission and a decision to appoint a committee to determine needs at the Activity Center property. No action was taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.