

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON July 11, 2016

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in regular session, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas, on July 11, 2016. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairperson
John Steffen, Commissioner
Carol Voran, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, Master County Clerk

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Donna Hardesty; Gayle Dye; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Jeff Dafforn, Cunningham Courier; Tab Turner, Norwich Fire Chief; Jerome Henning; James Franklin; Merlin McFarland, Kingman mayor; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; Jeremy Courtney, EMS; Justin Mitchell and Bryson Wiens, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Sheriff Randy Hill; Emergency Manager Fred Simon; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairperson Foley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Steffen wanted to add discussion of a proposed fire department grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Voran seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

The Public in attendance said Good Morning.

Stan Goetz requested an executive session for non-elect personnel for 10 minutes from 8:05 to 8:15.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to include Stan Goetz and Linda Langley. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 8:15 a.m. with no action taken.
Ms. Langley and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

The July 5 Commission Meeting minutes were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the July 5 minutes with corrections as noted. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed a draft of a fence viewing recommendation but will wait until the County Counselor is back to discuss it further.

Norwich Fire Chief Tab Turner and Emergency Manager Fred Simon were in to discuss the recent bridge fire in the county.

Chief Turner said his department lost several pairs of boots while fighting the fire and also deployed significant amounts of foam retardant to fight the fire. Simon noted that the Norwich Fire Department has had substantial hazardous materials training.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to pay to replace the boots and foam out of the county's capital equipment fund at a cost of \$1,840.01 (\$1,592.51 for boots, \$247.50 for foam). Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Mr. Simon and Sheriff Randy Hill were in to discuss the possible purchase of a generator for the courthouse. It was noted that power outages occur and they disrupt and damage computer equipment while also shutting down public services. Simon said he recently received a cost estimate for a generator that was much lower than previously thought. Hill said the county should include a monitoring system and a "quieting" system to reduce noise during the generator's operation. Commissioners asked Hill and Simon to go ahead and seek formal bids for a generator for the courthouse.

Mr. Hill left the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Mr. Simon left the meeting at 9 a.m.

Mark Schnittker was in to update commissioners on tree trimming at the courthouse. Some work has been done but more is needed. Schnittker will get a firm cost on the work.

He said he plans to attend a Heritage Trust Fund Grant Workshop on July 21 at El Dorado. This grant would be used to help pay the cost of replacing windows in the courthouse. The county needs to hire an architect to prepare needed documents for the grant application.

The new underground cable connection between the courthouse and the LEC is complete. New fire alarms will be installed soon. The Courthouse roof and several downspouts were repaired last week.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved to approve a Notice of Disposition of surplus personal property to allow the sale of glasses, plates, coffee cups and bowls from the Kingman County Activity Center. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz told commissioners he attended a hearing last week in the county's court action against Carlyle Ploog. Neither Ploog nor his attorney appeared at the hearing. Assistant County Attorney Brandon Ritcha asked the court to impose the sentence it had issued in the case. The court agreed. That sentence calls for Ploog to serve 18 months in the county jail, pay a \$2,500 fine and pay an additional penalty of \$150 per day for every day his three properties are not in compliance with county regulations.

Commissioners want to discuss what other options the county has, if any, to force compliance. Goetz will ask Mr. Ritcha to speak to that at a future meeting.

He submitted a copy of Policy #12-A-Personal Day Leave. County Counselor John Caton further revised the policy. It will be discussed when Mr. Caton is present.

Mr. Goetz said he will have a conference call with Sempra Energy regarding possible commercial wind farms Flat Ridge 3 and 4.

Commissioners discussed some sign damage occurring in the county.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Zach Bieghler was in to present a quarterly Kingman EMS financial report. He said the agency has responded to 350 calls in 2016 through June. A new paramedic has been hired. Kingman EMS currently is operating in the black. By contract, any unspent revenue at year's end will be paid toward the rescue truck loan.

Mr. Bieghler, Jeremy Courtney and Merlin McFarland left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioners discussed a draft of an agreement between the City of Cunningham and the County for a grant to build a new station and purchase a truck for the Cunningham Fire Department.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the 2017 holidays as presented by the County Clerk. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf and Steve Bachenberg were in to discuss county roads and bridges. Arensdorf reported that Century Link will bury a fiber optic cable between Section 31 Township 28 Range 10 (Rural) and Section 6 Township 29 Range 10 (Kingman). The base has been poured on the Belmont #48 project. A draft of the action plan for roads for the Kingman Wind Energy 1, LLC commercial wind farm was discussed. Yearly hauling permits for solid waste companies operating in the county have been renewed.

Steve Bachenberg distributed an updated capital needs analysis for roads and bridges in the county. The total is \$26.7 million.

Vinita and Dale townships requested a consultation from the county regarding a drainage issue. Bachenberg will review information from the NRCS regarding the amount of drainage and will make a recommendation to the townships.

The county will apply for KDOT's off-system bridge program to replace Bridge Z.3-5. Drive entrances on county right-of-way were approved for the Kingman Wind Energy 1, LLC commercial wind farm.

Fred Simon presented a resolution and a disaster declaration for flood damage that occurred in the county in early July. Allen and Vinita townships reported damage.

MOTION: Commissioner Voran moved that the county approve Resolution 2016-R25 and Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the county for flooding damage from July 2 & 3. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to recess the regular board meeting at 11:45 a.m. and to reconvene at 1 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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

1:00 p.m. Justin Mitchell and Bryson Wiens with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball were in to start budget reviews with the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Justin Mitchell for nonelected personnel matters at 2:20 p.m and will return to regular session at 2:29 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 2:29 p.m.

The County Commissioners discussed with Mr. Mitchell the budget requests received, the road projects, and fire protection.

Mr. Mitchell let the County Commissioners know that he has enough information today that he feels he should have a draft of the County Budget next week.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 3:50 p.m. Commissioner Voran seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.