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Kingman County makes grant to Cunningham for fire protection

Kingman County will make a one-time \$300,000 grant to the City of Cunningham to enhance fire protection services, with the funds coming from a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) made to the county by the Kingman Wind Energy 1, LLC commercial wind farm. Commissioners formally signed the agreement during their regular weekly meeting on Monday.

The county and City of Cunningham agree that the grant shall be used to pay all or a portion of the cost of improvements and additions to the city's fire department facilities and/or equipment as determined by the city and approved by the county. In return, Cunningham will continue to provide firefighting services and protection to Dresden, Eureka, Rural and Union townships, as well as the north one-third of Kingman Township. Cunningham also will continue to honor any mutual aid agreements for fire protection it has with other jurisdictions.

Kingman Wind Energy 1, LLC is located in western Kingman County. Commissioner John Steffen, whose district includes Cunningham, noted that the new commercial wind farm created additional need and added an extra burden on local fire departments. According to the agreement, the payment from the wind farm was made in part to improve fire protection facilities and equipment in the county.

"We determined we could help (fire protection) when we negotiated the PILOT agreement," Steffen said. "I realize other departments also take care of some of these areas. Those needs can be addressed at a later date."

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