

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON JANUARY 23, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 23, 2017. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman
Jerry Henning, Commissioner
Fred Foley, Commissioner
John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Carol Voran; DeAnne Gerhardt; Donna Hardesty; Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Josh Beckman and Josh Dlabal, Kirkham Michael; Rhonda Sculoy; Roy Young; Bob Sterneker and Gary Sterneker, Rural Township; Ryan Ruckle and Rob Fischer, Kingman Township; Mike Thimesch and Randy Thimesch, Peters Township; Tim Mertens, Joe Hill and Scott DeWeese, Union Township; Dennis Hageman, Belmont Township.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. He asked Mr. Arensdorf to be here at 3:30 p.m. for discussion with townships about wind farm roads. John Caton asked for time to share information from a meeting earlier today with the Harper County Hospital District.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with these additions. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran said she has heard complaints about slick roads due to AB3 surfacing. Larry Landwehr said "Good afternoon."

1:05 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer, were in to discuss county roads.

Josh Beckman of Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers indicated the plans for FAS #18 Midway Bridge have been revised as directed by the county and this project will be ready to be re-let in 30-60 days. He noted that allowing contractors a start date of Oct. 1 should increase the number of bids. A bid opening for FAS #18 Midway Bridge was set for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

Mr. Arensdorf said a final walk through was held for the Valley Street project in Cunningham. The county recommended adding a stop sign at the Love's location and relocating a 911 sign at the old highway.

Plans are being finalized for the Galesburg Z. 3-0 bridge. This project will probably be let for bids in April.

Mr. Bachenberg said he has received the final TEAP safety study report for the curves at Murdock. Mr. Arensdorf noted that the safety measures the county has in place are essentially the same as the state's

recommendation. The state recommended larger signs, a larger beacon, replacing chevrons and repainting edge stripes.

Mr. Arensdorf invited commissioners to a 1 p.m. meeting on Feb. 1 with townships whose roads were impacted by the NextEra commercial wind farm project.

1:40 p.m. Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Bachenberg, Mr. Beckman and Mr. Dlabal left the meeting.

1:45 p.m. Roy Young and Rhonda Sculoy were in to discuss the county appraiser.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved that the commission 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, to include Mr. Young, Ms. Sculoy and Mr. John Caton, and that the commission return to open session in the board meeting room at 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commission returned to open session at 1:55 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved that the commission 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, to include Mr. Young, Ms. Sculoy and Mr. John Caton, and that the commission return to open session in the board meeting room at 2 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

2:00 p.m. The County Commission returned to open session. Mr. Young and Ms. Sculoy left the meeting.

2:00 p.m. Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director, was in to discuss the facility.

She shared concerns about the cost to users of requiring them to have a \$1 million liability insurance policy and a \$50,000 property insurance policy, as recommended by County Counselor John Caton. Mr. Caton said the county's insurance for its facilities doesn't cover those who rent the Expo Center. Ms. Frampton will ask Strong's Insurance for a quote on a blanket liability policy that would cover users.

She presented two bids for an audio/video system for the north meeting room of the Expo Center. The bids were as follows:

McClelland Sound, Inc., Wichita: \$18,501.11

Choose Network, Wichita: \$17,807.90

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved that the county accept the bid from Choose Network for an audio/video system for the north meeting room of the Expo Center. Commission Steffen seconded. The motion was approved by a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner Henning voting no.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

2:43 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, was in to discuss updates.

He presented cards for commissioners' signatures to accompany certificates going to county employees being recognized by the Kansas Association of Counties for their years of service.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve County Policy #44 Call Back to Work/ On Call. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz reported that 60 employees participated in the annual biometric screening. The Planning Commission will meet tonight and begin discussion of revisions to the Commercial Wind Farm Application Guidelines. Wheatland Electric is requesting a Special Use Permit for an electrical substation near Rago. That application will be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on Feb. 27. The BZA has full authority to grant or deny the permit.

Mr. Goetz is attending training events regarding the sanitarian work in the county. He indicated he hopes to be able to take over this responsibility for the county, which currently contracts with an individual to do the work.

He presented one building permit for the following:

1. Sheldon Wright for living quarters in a shed in the S1/2 SW4 of Section 30, Township 29, Range 5W(Allen).

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

3:30 p.m. Several township officials and Mr. Arensdorf were in to discuss roads used during construction of the NextEra commercial wind farm. Mr. Arensdorf asked all to give him the name and telephone number for a contact person in each township so Kirkham Michael's engineer can meet with them about what restoration needs to be done. He reminded township officials of a meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 1 with representatives of the companies that used the roads.

4:10 p.m. Township officials and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting.

4:10 p.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds, was in to discuss office business.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session for non-elect personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, to include County Counselor John Caton, Register of Deeds Susan Hubbell and Human Resources Director Stan Goetz, and that the commission return to open session in the board meeting room at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 4:45 p.m. with no action taken.

4:50 p.m. Susan Hubbell left the meeting.

4:50 p.m. Mike Floyd, representing Young Farmers of Kingman County, was in to ask whether the organization could use the county's property on LaSalle St. in Kingman for the Young Farmers Sale. John Caton will prepare an agreement.

4:58 p.m. Mr. Floyd left the meeting.

5:00 p.m. Mr. Goetz returned to the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve a raise for an hourly employee from Step 4 to Step 6. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

5:10 p.m. Mr. Goetz left the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2017 Commission meeting. Commissioner Steffen seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to table any action on the Hugo Wall redistricting proposal until the next meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Caton shared information from a meeting earlier today regarding proposed changes to the Harper County Hospital District.

MOTION; Commissioner Foley moved to table discussion of a contract with architect Doug Loyd regarding new courthouse windows. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved on the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 5:20 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.