

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 6, 2017. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman
Jerry Henning, Commissioner
Fred Foley, Commissioner

John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Carol Voran, Donna Hardesty; Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Scott Strong and Terri Glenn, Strong's Insurance; Mark Arensdorf, Kingman City Commissioner; Irene Arensdorf; Kelly Wood, Outdoor Arena Committee.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director.

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 would like to add 2017 planning discussion toward the end of the meeting and also discussion of the tax sale. The commission also will consider quotes for an air conditioner for the Appraiser's Office. John Caton asked to add an update on the Memory Lane addition in Kingman.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment. Larry Landwehr said, "Good afternoon."

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the February 1 special meeting as corrected. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

1:15 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, was in to discuss part 2 of the 2017 hot mix overlay program and wind farm structure replacements.

Mr. Arensdorf presented estimates on the hot mix overlay for approximately 10 miles of blacktop roads used during construction of the Kingman Wind Energy 1 commercial wind farm. He said the timing of opening bids for this project will be critical to better prices and said a bid opening probably could be done in early April.

The pre-construction conference on the wind farm structure replacements is Feb. 7.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the January 30 minutes with corrections and additions. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commission took no action on joining the League of Kansas Municipalities.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved that the county pay 2017 dues to the Kansas County Commissioners Association in the amount of \$325. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

1:50 p.m. Mendy Frampton, Scott Strong and Terri Glenn were in to discuss liability insurance for the Expo Center.

Strong's Insurance will explore to see what the options are for liability insurance coverage for those who rent the facility. In the meantime, renters will be asked to sign a waiver.

2:40 p.m. Mr. Strong and Ms. Glenn left the meeting.

2:40 p.m. Kelly Wood was in to discuss the outdoor arena committee.

Mr. Wood handed out a drawing of the plan to add structures to the outdoor arena. This work probably will be done in another two weeks if weather cooperates. He said he did not know how the city plans to run and schedule the arena.

Wood noted that once the outdoor arena is complete, Kingman will have a unique set up with both indoor and outdoor arenas.

Chairman Steffen will ask the City of Kingman about a joint meeting to discuss the fairgrounds.

3:23 p.m. Mr. Wood, Ms. Frampton left the meeting.

The County Commissioners approved the following abatement and additions:

ABATEMENT		ADDITIONS	
2017000055	-686.52	2017000059	561.82
2017000058	561.82	2017000061	561.82
2017000060	561.82	2017000063	561.82
2017000062	561.82	2017000065	561.82
2017000064	561.82	2017000067	561.82
2017000066	561.82	2017000069	561.82
2017000068	561.82	2017000071	561.82
2017000070	561.82	2017000074	561.82
2017000072	561.82	2017000076	561.82
2017000075	561.82	2017000078	561.82
2017000077	561.82		
2017000079	561.82		

3:30 p.m. Stan Goetz was in to discuss planning updates.

Mr. Goetz gave Commissioner Henning copies of the job descriptions for non-elect salaried employees. Commissioner Henning had requested the information.

Mr. Goetz noted that the special use permit granted to Sempra Energy for the Flat Ridge 3 commercial wind farm development expires soon. Sempra has not completed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), which the county requires before a wind farm can proceed.

County policy allows a company to request an extension of the SUP for six month increments (up to a total of three years). The county's Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will formally consider Semptra's request for an extension on Feb. 27. Mr. Goetz indicated Semptra representatives plan to attend the March 6 commission meeting.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Westside Bait Shop and Beer. Commissioner Foley seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

John Caton gave an update about the Memory Lane addition in Kingman.

Mr. Caton said he has received the updated delinquent property list for the tax sale. The sale probably will take place in June or July.

Chairman Steffen shared three quotes for an air conditioner for the Appraiser's Office:

-Joe's Heating and Cooling, Kingman:

220 volt: \$2,549.16

115 volt: \$2,601.00

-Dixon's LLC, Kingman: \$2,580

-Eck Electric, Kingman: \$2,258

Mark Schnittker, courthouse maintenance, speaking by telephone told commissioners he talked to providers and specifically asked for a firm quote for a Mitsubishi model.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the bid from Eck Electric of \$2,258 to install an air conditioner in the Appraiser's Office. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen said he would like the Commission to talk about what it wants to accomplish in 2017. He mentioned the Smoots Creek bridge replacement and overlay projects and noted they should be completed in 2017. He also would like to focus on efficiencies.

Commissioner Foley said he is still compiling his list.

Commissioner Henning said he is interested in city-county unity; taking a good look at where money is spent; and seeing what needs to be done with roads and bridges.

Chairman Steffen asked where the Commission would like to be by the end of 2017 on a Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.