

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON July 3, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 3, 2017. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman  
Jerry Henning, Commissioner  
Fred Foley, Commissioner  
Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: Donna Hardesty, Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Deanna Gerhardt; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; Melissa Romme, Auditor with Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Chtd. and Carol Voran.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Richard Batchellor, County Interim Appraiser; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the regular Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:02 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said "Good Morning".

Deanna Gerhardt talked with the County Commissioners about the article that was in the paper on the Kingman EMS. Ms. Gerhardt feels the Commissioners need to do research before making a decision on the appropriation to Kingman EMS.

Larry Landwehr discussed with the County Commissioners on the difference in pricing for the Kingman EMS runs that was in the Kingman paper.

Carol Voran asked the County Commissioners to paint the North side of the Activity Center, take care of the South side and get a new sign so the project looks finished.

8:16 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in with a complaint about overgrown property. It was decided it was in an agricultural zoned area and it is handled correctly.

Mr. Goetz discussed a discount drug card for County Residents and that he will get with NACo and get the cards.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Michael & Heather Gattis-addition to pole shed in Section 26, Township 27, Range 8
2. Chris & LaTanya Graff-house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director at 8:28 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:38 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:38 a.m. no binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director at 8:38 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the June 26, 2017 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the tree they received bids for at the last meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the tree bid from Fairchild Tree Service in the amount of \$400.00. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:00 a.m. Melissa Romme, Auditor was in with a second draft of the 2018 County Budget for the Commission to review.

The County Commissioners discussed many different departments and the funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Melissa Romme, Auditor at 9:40 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:50 a.m.

A question was raised by Jason Jump on the legality of the executive session.

Chairman Steffen withdrew the motion for an executive session.

The Commission discussed the need for certain positions in departments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), The open meeting will resume in the County Commissioner's room at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ms. Romme went through each department and what the requests were.

Ms. Romme asked the Commissioners to do some homework and review the budget.

Ms. Romme will return to discuss the 2018 Budget on July 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Romme & Ms. Langley left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Steffen went over the judging for Cookies for College to be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center. Commissioner Henning said he will be able to judge, Commissioner Foley appointed Carol Noblit to judge for him and Commissioner Steffen appointed Larry Landwehr to judge for him.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint John Steffen as the Kansas Association of Counties 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference delegate, Jerry Henning as the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate delegate and Fred Foley as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the May 2017 Transfers & Corrections in the amount of \$5,705.80. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners approved abatement #2017000124 in the amount of -517.92.

11:26 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a underground construction permit for Haviland Telephone Company to Lay phone cable between sections 17 & 18, Township 29, Range 10W(Kingman Township).

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the 2017 Hot Mix Overlay milling joints and bridges will start July 5<sup>th</sup> or July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Steffen moved to recess the regular meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Chairman Steffen moved to return to regular meeting at 11:49 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Commission Meeting minutes for the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:53 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.