

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON August 7, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 7, 2017. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman  
Fred Foley, Commissioner  
Carol Noblit, County Clerk  
John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Deanna Gerhardt; Kirk Brown; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Steve Wilkinson, SCKEDD Executive Director.

Staff: Nancy Borst, Communications Coordinator; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the regular Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Foley would like to move Kirk Brown to earlier in the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the agenda with moving Mr. Brown to earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 31, 2017 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the July 31, 2017 Commission Meeting minutes with the suggested corrections. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

8:08 a.m. Kirk Brown was in to discuss the blank lots on Main Street and asked about possibly putting an art park on the property. Commissioner Steffen let Mr. Brown know that he has thought about putting the property up for public auction. Commissioner Foley liked the idea of putting it up for public auction so all residents of Kingman County would have the opportunity to purchase the property.

The Commissioners let Mr. Brown know that if the land is sold at auction it would give any person a chance to purchase it at that time.

Mr. Brown left the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

8:29 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in to discuss an email that Mr. Arensdorf had received about testing and there is nothing in the regulations about testing before doing Flat Ridge III.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Sempra will be in next week and would like to start discussing a road agreement and pilot agreement. Sempra has not received the purchase agreement yet but they would like to start the discussions.

Mr. Goetz submitted information from Gallagher Benefits that they are working on a breakdown of the benefits the County provides. Tiffany from the Clerk's office did a lot of good work getting the information for Gallagher.

Mr. Goetz talked about the life insurance option of raising it to \$25,000.00 per employee instead of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Steffen would like to offer the \$25,000.00 because of the cost of living raise being so small. Commissioner Foley would like to offer \$25,000.00 but only pay for \$10,000.00 with the employee paying for the added \$15,000.00 if they would like \$25,000.00 worth of coverage.

Mr. Goetz discussed the contract with Kyle Clark and that he had talked with Mr. Clark and let him know that the County will not be funding him in 2018.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Chad Osborn for a barn in Section 4, Township 28, Range 06W.
2. Scott & Christy Fieser for a House in Section 33, Township 29, Range 05W.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:46 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 8:57 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:57 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:58 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 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:05 a.m. with no binding action taken in executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the extension of shared leave for an employee. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

9:07 a.m. Steve Wilkinson, SCKEDD Executive Director was in to introduce himself to the County Commissioners. Mr. Wilkinson is the new Executive Director and is going around meeting all Counties that are in the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). Mr. Wilkinson let the Commissioners know that there is a weatherization program available for Kingman County Residents. SCKEDD can also work with people to help them get small business loans.

Mr. Wilkinson let the Commissioners know that SCKEDD is changing their website.

Mr. Wilkinson left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed and approved County Vouchers in the amount of \$695,100.62.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved for a recess at 9:44 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to reconvene at 9:49 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Steffen read correspondence received from Hodgeman County about the Whitecliff's Pipeline exemption and the legislation moving forward. Ms. Rains would like for the 14 counties affected by this exemption to band together work on KAC legislative Policy.

10:00 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to open sealed chemical bids received from the following:

CPS \$50,146.64

VanDiest \$ individually priced

Red River \$ individually priced

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to table the bids on Chemical until he had a chance to go over the bid until next Monday. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director, Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:15 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 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Goetz let the County Commissioners know that Warren King with Public Works is retiring and his retirement get together is Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

10:29 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss request for pavement and soils testing from American Engineering Testing Inc., in relation to Flat Ridge III Wind Farm Development. Mr. Goetz let Mr. Arensdorf know that he did not find anything in the zoning regulations that testing cannot be done prior to a project. Mr. Arensdorf will just wait on the permits until next week when Sempra will be in.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the June Financial Reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the 2017 Hot Mix Projects.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The County Clerk discussed with the County Commissioners about attending the CIC User Symposium this week in Wichita.

Commissioners approved the following three abatements:

ABATEMENTS

2017000137	-5,879.10
2017000138	-355.12
2017000139	-1082.74

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.