

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON October 16, 2017

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 16, 2017. Those present:

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

Visitors: Donna Hardesty, Gayle Dye; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Leon Sowers; Westin Winter and Joshua Fiscus.

Staff: Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser; Amber Hartley, Deputy County Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the regular Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:01 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Steffen would like the Tax Sale to be on the agenda every week until held. Also, Commissioner Steffen would like to give an update on his discussion with Richard Kerschen, Chairman of The Law Company.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the additions of the Tax Sale discussion every week until held and an update about Commissioner Steffens discussion with Richard Kerschen, Chairman of The Law Company. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. 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 Morning".

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the transfers for September 2017 in the amount of \$855,905.91. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:29 a.m. Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser and Amber Hartley, Deputy County Appraiser were in to discuss that there are companies wanting to appeal their taxes for Salt Water Facilities because the methodology that is being used they feel is incorrectly.

Mr. Batchellor would like to know if the Commissioners would like to use an Attorney with other Counties that oppose fight the Salt Water Facility Tax issue in Topeka.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to go with an Attorney in Topeka to oppose the Salt Water facility tax issue if other Counties join together. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Batchellor and Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

8:43 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director was in and let the Commissioners know that he attended a three day conference last week for continued education for sanitation.

Mr. Goetz discussed that he talked with BP about the agreement and that every five years it is the responsibility of BP to get with the County about the decommissioning agreement and review the costs and see if any revisions need to be made.

Mr. Goetz discussed that he received correspondence from KAC attorney Melissa Wangeman requesting information from counties who have established an ethic code.

Mr. Goetz, Planning Commission Board discussed the planning/zoning hearings that was held for two rezones. Z17-001 for Joshua & Morgan Fiscus hearing was heard by the board and their motion was to approve the rezone with five yes votes, 2 no votes and 1 abstained vote. After the hearing there is a 14 day protest period and protests were filed with him within the time frame.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that a unanimous vote would be needed by the board to pass the rezone but if they would like to open the meeting for public comment is up to them.

Commissioner Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Leon Sowers asked why we have 20 acres if we do not abide by it. He feels that it should stay agricultural and not changed to residential. He is against the change.

Westin Winter asked what is the benefit of allowing the five acres and if it will affect the taxes on his property.

Mr. Fiscus let the Commissioners know that he has two dogs but he takes care of them and if there becomes a problem he will fix the problem.

Commissioner Henning discussed that it needs to be fair and not everyone can purchase 1000 acres.

Mr. Sowers is worried about the dogs and the water.

Chairman Steffen appreciated all the public comment and will now close public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept Z17-001 from Agricultural to Rural Residential. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept Z17-002 from Agricultural to Rural Residential. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Sowers left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Richard Batchellor, County Appraiser and John Caton, County Counselor at 9:48 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 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners

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Mr. Batchellor left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

The County Commissioners discussed with Stan Goetz that they are looking at direct deposit for all employees or have paper checks signed on the following Monday at the Commission Meeting.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know he would look into it and get back with them at the next meeting.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Commissioner Steffen discussed his conversation with Richard Kerschen, Chairman of The Law Company and that he told him that he would like him to visit with Sheriff Randy Hill.

10:47 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the September Public Works Budget Report for review.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed machinery storage and possible purchasing of land. Commissioners would like to think about it before making a decision.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the Galesburg Bridge project and the 2017 Striping project.

Mr. Arensdorf talked about the condition of the trucks out at Public Works and the mileage on most of them is in the 150,000+ mile area. Mr. Arensdorf said that he would be okay with repairing them as it comes up but will bring it before the Commissioners. The Commissioners would like to maybe get him on a purchasing schedule for trucks.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioners signed the following six abatements and one escape tax:

ABATEMENTS	
2017000159	-33.34
2017000160	-63.84

2017000161	-335.57
2017000162	-332.64
2017000163	-818.80
2017000164	-6.96
ESCAPE	
2017000165	+6.96

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:31 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.