

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON April 9th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on April 9th, 2018. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye; DeAnna Gerhardt; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Shane Reeder; Carol Voran; Dave Stucky; Todd Hauser; Clint Foley; Steve Ramsey; Pam Stasa, Conservation District Administrator; John Meng; Shanna Henry; Mike Floyd; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Jake Renner, Extension Agent and Kevin Gaughan, Choose Networks.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Sheriff Randy Hill; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds 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 Henning would like to add discussion about other County ventures.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion about other County ventures. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

DeAnna Gerhardt let the Commissioners know that she had a question about Social Networking. What is it and that she could not find any of the County Commissioners on Facebook.

The County Commissioners told Ms. Gerhardt to stick around for the meeting with the Sheriff to get answers.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the April 2nd, 2018 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of April 2nd, 2018 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:10 a.m Fence Viewing Discussion. Chairman Steffen discussed the fence viewing and said the responsibility of the landowner is to take care of the fence to the right of their property.

John Caton discussed the laws about fence viewing and that the law states where the fence would be a fence in common. The landowners have cattle on one property and horses on the other landowner property which makes it not a fence in common as each landowner requires different fence. Mr. Caton said that a single fence in this case cannot be the same as the requirement is different for each animal.

Commissioner Henning said he is new at the fence viewing but he understands that a legal fence is 3 rows of barb wire or 4 rows of smooth wire.

Mr. Caton suggested that this is a case for the Courts not for the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Chairman Steffen moved the minutes reflect the fence viewers findings were that the Reeder and Ferris properties are not used in common and that the fence between their properties is not a partition fence. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners directed John Caton, County Counselor to prepare a report of the fence viewers' findings and conclusions for the Commissioners review during the April 16th meeting.

8:30 a.m. Pam Stasa, Conservation District and Board members were in to discuss the recycle center and to submit the budget information.

The County Commissioners asked Ms. Stasa if they had an option to employ the current worker through the Road & Bridge department could that employee work on Tuesday and Thursday through the agreement time or could the agreement end in June.

Chairman Steffen let Ms. Stasa and Conservation Board know that the Board of Commissioners would honor the agreement that was signed by them to fund the Recycle Center until December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Henning asked Ms. Stasa how the program was started.

Ms. Stasa let the Commissioners know that it started with a small shed and grew to what it is now.

Chairman Steffen would like for the Conservation District to keep the Recycle Center up and going with volunteers as it is their decision to make as they are the owners.

Ms. Stasa; Mr. Stucky; Mr. Hauser; Mr. Foley and Mr. Meng left the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Commissioner Henning discussed the Expo Center and that it isn't making money and is taking tax payers money to keep it going.

Chairman Steffen said it needed to all be under one common entity.

Commissioner Henning said we have a good building and it does a lot of good but we need to do something to make it where it is in the black instead of running in the red.

Commissioner Foley said we are utilizing but we need to utilize it better.

9:05 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Todd Eagleston, Sempra were in to discuss the agreements.

Commissioner Henning discussed permit fees for the windfarm.

Chairman Steffen would like 4.3 million at the beginning and Pilot payment at the beginning of year 7 with a 2% escalator and consistent with Flat Ridge II.

Mr. Eagleston discussed what other Counties are receiving for pilot payment that only received a 10 year exemption and payments made to them was much less than what they are offering Kingman County.

Mr. Eagleston would like to put wording in to say that we only pay pilot payment as long as the windfarm is generating commercial power. If Sempra stops selling Commercial power then the pilot payment would cease until they start selling again.

Mr. Caton let Mr. Eagleston know that Commercial tax rates are beyond the County Commissioners control.

Mr. Caton talked about the NextEra windfarm and that the wording was different than what Sempra is suggesting for the ending of selling Commercial Power.

Charles Arensdorf asked if the road agreement is included in the 4.3 million figure. Chairman Steffen said no that would be a separate agreement.

Mr. Arensdorf; Mr. Goetz and Mr. Eagleston left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

10:10 a.m. Jake Renner, Extension Agent and Andrea Wood, Extension Agent were in with updates. Mr. Renner let the Commissioners know that Embryology has officially begun with Norwich, St. Pats and Kingman Elementary Classrooms; CIA was held in Topeka; County 4-H Day in February; Be-Ag Wise workshop was held in Garden City; Beef Weigh-In was March 10th; YQCA is officially required for all State Fair and KJLS exhibitors; Dicamba Meeting and Drift Watch presentation; Spring Breeding Update had 30 participants; Tree Pruning workshop held March 7th and other meetings were held and attended.

Ms. Wood let the Commissioners know that she has done the following the last quarter: Stay Strong, Stay Healthy; Health Coalition Spring Fling Health & Craft Fair; Dining with Diabetes; Kingman Youth rUn? program; Walk Kansas; Safe Dates Training; Critical Conversations Meeting; Circles Simulation; Community Board Leadership Series; Bread in a Bag program and County & Regional 4-H Day.

Mr. Renner and Ms. Wood let the Commissioners know about upcoming dates.

Mr. Renner; Ms. Wood left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Kevin Gaughan, Choose Networks & Jonathan Sanchez, VCIO(Virtual Chief Information Officer) Choose Networks were in to discuss the County Server and it is throwing error messages and a drive is showing signs of age.

Mr. Gaughan submitted a quote for a Dell T440 Server in the amount of \$16,809.99 with 5 year ProSupport.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the quote from Choose Networks in the amount of \$16,809.99 to be paid out of the County General Capital Outlay fund. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Gaughan and Mr. Gonzalez left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

10:47 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in with the March Monthly department report. Sheriff Hill discussed with the County Commissioners the Social Media archiving for all County Departments and would like to utilize it for a year and that it come out of the General Fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the amount \$199.00 per month for a year \$2388.00 for Social Media Archiving. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Randy Hill submitted a quote from AXON Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$17,210.00 for Black X2 CEW(tasers) W/Handle, 4 year warranty and cartridges.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc in the amount of \$17,210.00 to be paid out of the Sheriff's Capital Outlay reserve fund. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen discussed the transfers received from the Internal Auditor for February in the amount of \$58,825.72 and March in the amount of \$19,056.92.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the February transfers in the amount of \$58,825.72 and March transfers in the amount of \$19,056.92. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

11:14 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the Contract documents for FAS #25 bridge north of Penalosa.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the consultant selection for the Safety Project North of Murdock.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the April Financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf reminded the County Commissioners that he will be opening bids on the deck leveling projects on April 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

11:47 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to remind the Commissioners of the Webinar that will be held this Wednesday.

The County Commissioners discussed the NRP program and would like to think about it for another week and make a decision next week.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.