

MINUTES OF THE CITY/COUNTY JOINT MEETING
ON May 16th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, Kansas on May 16th, 2018. Those present:

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

Mark Arensdorf, Kingman City Mayor
Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner
Stan Hacker, City Commissioner
Adrian Harrel, City Commissioner
Cindy Conrady, City Clerk
Cody Smith, City Attorney
Greg Graffman, City Manager

Visitors: Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; Stacie Meireis, Chamber of Commerce; Josh Beckham, Kirkham Michael; Carol Voran; Chief David Lux and Shanna Henry

Staff: Steve Ramsey, Community Service Director; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Misty Jacobs, Public Works Office Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Bob Panek, Public Works Foreman;

Chairman Steffen called the Special Meeting of the County Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner said the prayer.

Chairman Steffen informed the people in attendance that there will be no public comment for the special meeting.

Chairman Steffen asked Josh Beckham with Kirkham Michael Engineer who was hired by the County to discuss the North Main project and the options available.

Mr. Beckham discussed the project would be done in phases. One scope of work would be from US Hwy 54 North on Main for one block to West E Ave and it would replace the brick with concrete pavement. There are two options and they are the following: 1) Replace the middle 32 feet of brick with concrete and leave brick on the parking lane. 2) Replace brick from curb to curb with concrete pavement.

The second scope would be to replace the concrete intersections and valley gutters for drainage improvement at Kansas Ave, Anadale Ave and Copeland Ave.

The final scope of work would be a 1" hot mix overlay from Grant Avenue North to Kansas Ave. with an add on bid option for overlay from Kansas Ave going North past the Curve up to North 20th Ave.

The project is estimated to take 80 days which is approximately 4 months. For each add alternate could add one week. Also, there is a City sewer repair project on North Main that will need to be coordinated with the intersection replacements.

Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor asked Mr. Beckham if the brick would be taken out or left.

Mr. Beckham let Mr. Arensdorf know that the brick would be left.

Greg Graffman, City Manager let the boards know that he talked with Dale Robinson and he had discussed the repair with Nowak Construction and they are going to bid the repair as a turn key so that it will coordinate with the Counties Construction of Main Street.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer said the bid could be coordinated with the City sewer repair project on Kansas Avenue.

Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner has no problem with the project but just wants it to not interfere with entrance into the School.

Mayor Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that it would be an improvement.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner discussed that the cost should not be as bad if they were to leave the parking lane as brick and only doing the driving lanes.

Mr. Bachenberg let the County Commissioners know that the start date would be coordinated with the City.

Chairman Steffen asked the Commissioners if they had any further questions about the North Main project and no comments were made.

Chairman Steffen let the boards know that he would like to talk first about the Fair ground and Arenas.

Chairman Steffen let the Commissioners know that he visited with John Caton, County Counselor about the area down here and I think there is no one here that doesn't think it would not work better under one management. Management is key in helping it work better. The County Counselor said the only way statutorily that you can do that is with an inter-local agreement between the two parties.

Mr. Steffen discussed that the special meeting is the worse place to work out an inter-local agreement and having it under one management would be an improvement.

Chariman Steffen suggested a member from each board get together and work out the details. Then each board member would bring the information to their counsel and then the counsel would present an inter-local agreement to their board for approval.

There was an overall agreement that the boards move forward to finding a solution.

Mayor Arensdorf agreed that it can be done but it may take time.

City Commissioner Hacker doesn't want to micro manage the outdoor arena and would like to combine the management to make it work better. We owe it to the taxpayers to make it work.

Commissioner Foley agreed with Commissioner Hacker that we owe it to the City/County Taxpayers to make it work.

Mayor Arensdorf thinks that it can be done possibly in 3 months.

Commissioner Steffen asked the boards if they were in agreement that we are going to pursue the inter-local agreement to manage the area.

Mayor Arensdorf discussed that the Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rec Commission work well together in the Armory.

City Commissioner McFarland said he would like all the venues to be booked by the one management so that it would help with booking and knowing the availability. Also, would like to include the booking of the Red Barn.

Chairman Steffen let the boards know that he is not sure there is a set time frame to get this done.

City Commissioner Hacker would like to maybe have a target of 60 days.

City Commissioner Harrel agreed that it should not be taking so long.

County Commissioner Henning feels it should be one big area.

Chairman Steffen said he would meet with Mayor Arensdorf and then they will present their information to their counsel.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to pursue the discussion for an interlocal agreement for one management with the City of Kingman. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

City Commissioner Hacker moved to move on with the County and making movement to one management. All City Commission moved unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the special City/County Joint Meeting at 7:06 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.