

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Those present:

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

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; DeAnna Gerhardt; Leon Sowers; Gayle Dye and Merleta Moore, Choose Networks.

Staff: Linda Langlely, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Director; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; Nick Charles, Dispatcher and Mariah Allen, Dispatcher.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting 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.

Chairman Steffen would like to add an executive session for Attorney Client privilege.

Commissioner Henning would like to add Expo Center spending.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an Attorney Client executive session and discussion on the Expo Center spending. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Leon Sowers asked the Commissioners about drainage on 20<sup>th</sup> St and if they could clean the ditch going south or fix the route that the drainage goes.

Mr. Sowers also discussed a train wreck that he was in recently and that the conditions around the railroad track make it hard to see trains coming. Mr. Sowers asked if there was anything they could do to help with the trees in the right of ways.

The Commissioners let Mr. Sowers know that they would talk to Mr. Arensdorf but thought that the railroad right of ways are handled by the Railroad.

DeAnna Gerhardt read that it was budget time again on the agenda and that she would like for the Commissioners to get a comprehensive plan that would help with tax relief.

Larry Landwehr asked the Commissioners what would happen if they did lower the mill levy with the tax lid in future years.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Landwehr and Ms. Gerhardt know that it effects future years if you lower it to much because you can't raise the budget over the consumer price index without an election if budget increase was needed.

Ms. Gerhardt thanked them for what they have done but if they would help with the tax burden after the LEC it would help.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:30 a.m. The County Commissioners began discussion with Linda Langley, Internal Auditor about budget requests.

9:04 a.m. Merleta Moore, Choose Networks who provides our IT services for Kingman County was in to discuss computer upgrades.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into Executive Session with John Caton, County Counselor at 9:30 a.m. to discuss potential litigation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:45 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 9:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Clerk asked the Commissioners about painting the downspouts while there is a lift to get to them.

The County Commissioners would like a price on the painting before approval.

The County Clerk let the Commissioners know that the brass handles for the windows have not been installed yet. The Commissioners would not like brass handles as they need to match the window latches.

Commissioner Henning discussed the drainage at the Expo Center and some of the tins condition on the West side. The Commissioners discussed going to bid on replacement of the tin.

10:00 a.m. Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse was in to discuss that she has not heard back from VaxCare yet. The Commissioners discussed that they could have John Caton contact VaxCare and possibly get a response. Ms. Smith let Mr. Caton know that she will try to contact them again first before having him contact them.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

10:12 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a building permit for the following:

1. Andrew Albright for a pole shed in Section 11, Township 27, Range 7W (White).

Mr. Goetz updated the County Commissioners on the nuisance case in Murdock.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

10:25 a.m. Misty Jacobs, Road & Bridge Office Administrator was in to discuss two delinquent accounts through Solid Waste and have given to John Caton so that he can contact the individuals.

Ms. Jacobs left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed the following two escape taxes:

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2019000286	341.14
2019000287	287.20

10:37 a.m. Heather Kinsler, 911/ Dispatch Director was in to introduce the new dispatchers Mariah Allen and Nick Charles.

Ms. Kinsler, Ms. Allen and Mr. Charles left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates.

The Commissioners discussed bridges and the ratings.

The Commissioners asked if there is a need to look into bonding for bridge replacement and repairs.

Mr. Bachenberg said that funding is very competitive because most counties are in the same condition.

Commissioner Henning said it doesn't do any good to overlay roads if you get to the bridge and have to turn around.

John Caton let the Commissioners know that there are statutory requirements for reconstruction and replacement of bridges.

Steve Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that the County owned bridges in the needs assessment report are around \$10,000,000.00.

Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that he will do some research and see what the counties bonding limits are.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Arensdorf know that Leon Sowers was in with concerns on the railroad right of way and the visibility of the trains coming are bad.

Mr. Bachenberg gave the Commissioners updates.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

11:29 a.m. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to discuss the downspouts and the gutters since the crane is available if they can be cleaned and painted.

Mr. Schnittker discussed the lift handles for the windows and that they have not been received yet.

Mr. Schnittker left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:41 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.