

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Those present:

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

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Patricia Morfitt; Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance; Laura Rainwater, Workforce Alliance; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director and Steve Bachenberg.

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

No additions were added.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

No comments were made.

The County Clerk submitted the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$152,058.16.

8:22 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with a department update for the County Commissioners to review.

Mr. Wimer let the Commissioners know that he ran out of some chemicals and he contacted the Company that he previously ordered from and they will honor the price from the bid so he ordered more chemical.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the lots that are for sale.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved that the public sale scheduled on this date be postponed until 9:00 a.m. on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and that an Amended Notice of Public Sale be published in the official County newspaper on September 12<sup>th</sup> and on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:44 a.m. Patricia Morfitt was in to discuss the letter she received from Chris McElgunn on her taxes.

The Commissioners let Mrs. Morfitt know that once the letters go out there cannot be partial payments. The taxes will have to be paid in full.

The Commissioners also asked Mrs. Morfitt to contact the County Treasurer and keep in touch with her on the timeframe to get the taxes paid in full.

Mrs. Morfitt left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Steffen recessed the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk updated the County Commissioners on the meeting she attended for the Heritage Trust Grant.

Ms. Noblit submitted a bid for a laptop and a desktop computer from Choose Networks in the amount of \$ 2938.96. The Commissioners discussed the prices and asked the clerk to look at other options and re-submit to them.

9:24 a.m. Keith Lawing and Laura Rainwater with Workforce Alliance were in to discuss their organization and what it provides. They are one of five workforce alliances in Kansas.

The Commissioners asked questions about the Workforce Alliance.

The County Commissioners appointed Carol Noblit to the CEOB (Chief Elected Officials Board). The terms are for a three-year term.

Commissioner Steffen let Mr. Lawing and Ms. Rainwater know that he had a person in mind for the second appointment to the CEOB and he would let them know.

Mr. Lawing and Ms. Rainwater left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

9:47 a.m. Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director was in to thank the Commissioners for the millings for the EMS building lot.

Mr. Bieghler let the Commissioners know that one of his full time Paramedics has resigned.

Mr. Bieghler left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

9:58 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the following building permits:

1. OneOK NG Pipeline for a pumpstation in Section 34, Township 30, Range 05W.
2. Shawn Vredenburg for a Barn/Business Office in Section 12, Township 27, Range 08W.

3. Michael Kostner for a House & detached garage in Section 35, Township 28, Range 06W.
4. James Pearce for a shed in Section 24, Township 27, Range 05W.
5. Charles Richards for a House & tool shed in Section 29, Township 29, Range 06W.
6. Pro-Stim (Paul & Lindi Dwyer for a storage shed in Section 4, Township 28, Range 10W.
7. Van Dewey for a shed in Section 21, Township 28, Range 05W.

Mr. Goetz let them know that there is a meeting on Wednesday testing a new sanitation system and they are planning on 55 people attending.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Department Head Meeting and Safety Meeting minutes for the County Commissioners to review.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

10:37 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for Haviland Telephone Co. Inc. for a new customer hook up between Section 17 & 20 in Bennett Twp.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he received a township request for consultation in Ninnescah Township ½ mile south of SE 30 St and SE 10 Ave about water on the road. The township would like to know how to fix the problem.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer discussed the township request with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the township request for consultation in Ninnescah Township. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on Rural #2 Bridge project.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a drainage issue west side of Section 28, Township 27, Range 10W.

Steve Bachenberg updated the commissioners on the State Cost Share program that is new and that there is nothing that the County qualifies for at this time.

Kansas Local Bridge program and what it qualifies for. Commissioners asked Mr. Bachenberg to move forward on this grant.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that Terracon has finished their ground water testing for this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, HR to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and that they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:27a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:27 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve full salary for one week for a Road & Bridge employee pursuant to Policy 29.6. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:28 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.