

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 13, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 13th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Richard Chandler, AEP Representative; Trish, AEP Attorney; John with AEP; Martin Lohrke; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Roy Riggs, The Law Company.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Sheriff Hill; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Foley would like to add permit fees discussion with Charles Arensdorf; discuss Heritage Trust Fund letter and a single NRP.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of permit fee discussion; discuss Heritage Trust Fund letter and a single NRP. 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.

Larry Landwehr said, "You are doing a fine job."

9:00 a.m. Richard Chandler discussed that they would like to go over the road agreement page by page.

Commissioner Henning discussed that the other windfarms use the road for heavy loads after the projects are done.

Attorney for AEP discussed the concerns that the Commissioners have about use of the roads after the project is finished.

Commissioner Henning said that we need a resolution or something to hold the companies accountable.

Charles Arensdorf said that the previous windfarms are using roads that were not put on the windfarm haul routes when they are repairing wind turbines.

John Caton, County Counselor discussed that he has a conference call coming up with AEP.

Commissioner Foley discussed his proposal for road crossing permit fees.

Mr. Chandler would like to get back to the use of the township and county roads because he is not sure where all the workers will be driving from.

Chairman Steffen discussed his concerns on the use of the roads.

Commissioner Henning talked about the use of the roads after the end of the project.

Mr. Caton said the current agreement says that the company gives 10-day notice before repairs are done but may cause damage to the roads used.

Mr. Chandler said that it seems like the County Commissioners are talking about three different traffic. It would be the heavy haul, aggregate and employees driving to towers. The heavy haul routes are in the plan.

John and Mr. Chandler said that the haul routes have been finalized.

Commissioner Steffen let Trish and Mr. Chandler know that he doesn't like hearing that they are not being treated fairly.

Trish asked Mr. Caton about a change in the road agreement.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that he has talked with KDOT recently and they haven't finalized the approval for the wind project.

Mr. Caton let Trish know that the County Commissioners are the only ones who have the authority to bind the County.

Trish discussed that if she can get the details of the materials going to be used so it can be placed in the action plan to help with decisions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, Charles Arensdorf Public Works, Steve Bachenberg, at 10:35 a.m. to discuss the attorney consultation 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 that we return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:47 a.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 10:47 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Caton let Mr. Chandler that he will work on a draft about the items they have been discussing and will get it to them.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed pre-conditions of township roads and blacktops.

John with AEP said that will be addressed with the action plan.

Mr. Chandler told the Commissioners the roads will be put to the standards that are agreed to in the action plan.

Mr. Chandler wanted to know why the daily requirement for engineer services is needed.

Commissioner Henning said that we need someone to watch and take care of the roads.

Mr. Chandler would be okay with someone watching them just not every day because the budget is affected.

Mr. Arensdorf said if they don't want to agree to an inspector then the Commissioners should scrap the project.

The County Commissioners said they must keep with the daily engineer inspector.

Mr. Chandler, Trish and John left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Kelsey Knowles resignation from the Chikaskia Township board and fill the position with Lynn Messenger. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to join the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce for 2020. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed the following addition:

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The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$388458.18.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$8,381.83.

1:00 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss fee changes.

Commissioner Foley said any line with a diameter over 6" carrier pipe will be \$2,000.00 on a County road would go to the County. If the line is a township road it will be split \$1,000.00 to the Township and a \$1,000.00 to the County.

If the line is under 6" diameter and the fee would be \$400.00 and if it is a township road it would be \$200.00 to the township and \$200.00 to the County. A County road would get the whole \$400.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to make the change to the utility permit fees. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg gave updates.

Josh Riggins, Kirkham Michael was in and discussed the FAS #12 design and inspection.

Chairman Steffen opened a bid received from L & M Contractors out of Great Bend, KS for the FAS #12 Bridge Repair KM #1908800 and the amount of \$92,750.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid from L & M Contractors in the amount of \$92,7550.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Riggins left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

1:49 p.m. Sheriff Randy Hill was in to discuss the insurance for the interceptor that was damaged by deer. KCAMP totaled the vehicle and have found a replacement vehicle for him.

Sheriff Hill submitted his department's monthly report for December for the Commissioners to review.

Roy Riggs with The Law Company was in with agenda #4 to review with the Sheriff and the Commissioners.

Mr. Riggs and Mr. Arndt left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

2:24 p.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in for signatures for Ninnescah Bank Information.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

2:27 p.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review budget reports for 2019.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

The County Clerk submitted the January 6, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

3:25 p.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser and Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser were in to discuss the NRP of an individual.

The County Commissioners let the Appraiser know that they are not done by the 20th they will be out of the program.

The County Commissioners discussed another NRP that wasn't paid.

Ms. Hartley and Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

3:46 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss that he called NextEra on December 31, 2019 about hauling that was done on County and Township roads. Mr. Goetz would like to invite the representative to the January 27th, 2020 Commission Meeting.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the Biometric Screening will be held on the 22nd of January 2020 and gave them their reports to fill out.

Mr. Goetz submitted the retention election forms from the Sheriff's office and the document that was handed out.

Mr. Goetz submitted a request to extend 40 hours of vacation for an employee.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the 40 hours of vacation for an employee. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Department Head meeting minutes for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

1. Reece & Rebecca Johnson for a shed in Section 5, Township 30, Range 05W(Bennett).

Mr. Goetz summary of 2019 Sanitary inspections.

Mr. Goetz gave a summary of the zoning permits for 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.