

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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; Dean Pagenkopf; Scott Sparks; Richard Chandler, AEP and Trish Voth, AEP.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser and Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 1:00 p.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 requested.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed with the County Commissioners that he was gone during the last meeting and if the 4-H want to use the Expo Center could they do some kind of compromise.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Landwehr know that they are in the process of working on a possible compromise.

Jason Jump asked for some clarification on the Expo Center figures that were stated at the last meeting.

Commissioner Henning discussed that the expenses may not be exact for the Expo Center, but I do believe they are very close if everything is figured in.

Jason Jump also asked why they gave a gag order to Mendy Frampton.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Jump know that they did not give a gag order to Ms. Frampton but told her to have him come and talk to the Commissioners instead of her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer at 1:15 p.m. to discuss pending administrative decisions 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 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:30 p.m. with no binding action taken.

1:33 p.m. Richard Chandler, AEP and Trish Voth, AEP were in to discuss the Road agreement changes that were made.

Mr. Chandler went over the changes.

Commissioner Steffen asked Mr. Chandler if he gave any thought to an upfront payment.

Mr. Chandler let the Commission know that his company is not willing to do an upfront payment.

Ms. Voth asked for an executive session to discuss financial data of the Company.

Mr. Caton determined there was no basis for an executive session for Ms. Voth's request.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to give Commissioner Steffen the authority to discuss the terms of the road agreement with Richard Chandler, AEP. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to have Commissioner Henning serve as Chairman during Commissioner Steffen's absence. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Voth discussed and reviewed the Road Access and Repair Agreement with Commissioner Henning and Commissioner Foley.

Chairman Steffen and Mr. Chandler returned to the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Chandler offered 1,000,000.00 payment at commercial operation for the road agreement.

Mr. Chandler was agreeable that there would be an escrow account for payments to be made to Kirkham Michael for engineering services.

The County Commissioners; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Richard Chandler and Ms. Voth discussed what Heavy trucks would be.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Action Plan, but the routes need to be finalized.

3:00 p.m. Roy Riggs with The Law Company and Colin Arndt, were in to discuss the items that have been accomplished and what is being done.

The County Commissioners discussed a generator for the Law Enforcement Center with Chief Lux; Sheriff Hill; Roy Riggs and Colin Arndt.

The Commissioners agreed that a 250K generator will be needed for the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the change order for Phase II for the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chief Lux; Sheriff Hill; Roy Riggs and Colin Arndt left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

The County Commissioners recognized Employees years of Service as follows:

Mike Ogden-8 Years

Levi Hansard-8 Years

Carol Noblit – 24 Years

Fred Foley- 8 Years

Jamee Hillman- 24 Years

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to be KCCA members for 2020. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Software License & Services Agreement by HT-SMC, LLC dba High Touch Technologies. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

4:00 p.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in to discuss having Todd Lawson come in to help with Oil & Gas.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to having Mr. Lawson in to help for a few weeks. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley discussed NRP for Jamie & Trent Viner.

The County Commissioners let Ms. Hartley know that Viner should have the building up by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

Ms. Hartley discussed an NRP received after a building was built and would like to know if it should be put on the program.

County Commissioners let Ms. Hartley know that since the building was already up that it cannot be put on the program.

Ms. Hartley let the Commissioners know about abatements.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

4:27 p.m. Andrea Wood, Extension Agent and Kallie Turner, Extension Agent were in to talk about the Dog program.

County Commissioner discussed that they would like for the Extension Office to move forward on using the Expo Center for the dog program and cost will be discussed later.

Ms. Wood, Ms. Turner and Mr. Clover left the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Chairman Steffen opened the meeting for public comment.

Scott Sparks discussed that the Activity Building was built to help the community to have a meeting place. Kingman County non-profits should be able to use it.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Sparks know that he has noted his concerns.

4:46 p.m. Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth were back in to discuss a Road Pre-Construction Survey Deposit Agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Road Pre-Construction Survey Deposit Agreement. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners reviewed the road agreement page by page with Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth.

Ms. Voth and Mr. Chandler left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer at 6:06 p.m. to discuss pending administrative decisions 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 6:12 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 6:12 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Chairman Steffen signed and approved the December 2019 transfers in the amount of \$1,210,693.59 and the January 2020 transfers in the amount of \$12,008.28.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements:

| ABATEMENTS |           |
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| 2020000043 | -8299.54  |
| 2020000044 | -14497.42 |
| 2020000045 | -641.38   |

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.