

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON March 2nd, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 2nd, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr and Carol Voran.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer.

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.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said that it was a good outcome for the 4H last week.

1:05 p.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for Haviland Telephone Co. to have a phone line crossing at Section 5 & 6 in Township 30 Range 05 West in Bennett Township.

Mr. Arensdorf presented his January 2020 Financial Reports for the Commission to review.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the Right of Way Use Resolution with the County Commissioners and let them know that he is comfortable with the last draft from John Caton, County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve RESOLUTION 2020-R5, A Resolution relating to use of Road Rights of Way in Kingman. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS #12 Bridge Repair and may have the bridge open by the end of the week. If the bridge is not open this week it will be early next week.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes for the January 24th, 2020 meeting and the January 26th, 2020 Special Meeting for approval.

1:26 p.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to discuss the letter to the editor that was submitted by Scott Sparks. Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know what she had given to Mr. Sparks.

Paragraph No. 6 there was not a loss because the receipts were more than the expenses. He is quoting only the ad valorem tax not the actual.

Paragraph No. 5 that he quoted Commissioner Henning that expenses were more than a \$100,000 loss. Ms. Langley went over 2013 to 2018 expenses with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning's statement that it costs the County 100,000.00 or more to run the Expo Center is accentually accurate.

Commissioner Steffen let Ms. Langley know that he understands the points that Mr. Sparks and Commissioner Henning were trying to make.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The County Commissioners discussed the minutes of February 24th, 2020 and some of the wording.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the February 24th, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

2:00 p.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with a report on what she has been doing the last month.

Ms. Schrag worked on Census; Website; Twitter account; Marketing; Property listing; available grants; met with a small business rep about programs.

Ms. Schrag let them know that three businesses have showed interest in Kingman.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes of February 26th, 2020. Commissioner Steffen seconded the minutes. The minutes were approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements:

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2:25 p.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that he had a state meeting last week for the Lower Arkansas Custom Watershed Discovery Meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed that there was a complaint about a property that has wastewater and that he investigated it. The investigation did not find any evidence of wastewater. Mr. Goetz let the property owner know that he needs a new tank and gave him the Conservation District contact information.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Kourtenay Householter to the Planning/Zoning board. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that they had a Planning/Zoning Commission Meeting on the 24th of February. They proposed a zoning change but there is a 14-day protest period so the Resolution will be presented on the 16th of March.

Mr. Goetz submitted a building permit for the following:

1. Jordan & Jamie Ternes for a new house in Section 1, Township 30, Range 05W

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Conference Call with Granite, Al Alfieri & Robert Wager wanted to introduce themselves to the County. The company is out of Massachusetts. They discussed that they would like to see how much money they could save us with their company on our phone and internet.

Commissioners discussed that it would be okay to run a cost analysis and get back with them on possible savings for the county.

3:22 p.m. Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer was in with bank information for the Commissioners to sign for a CD.

Mr. Elliott left the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 3:27 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.
