

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON April 27th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Expo Center North Room, Kansas on April 27th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors online: Carolyn McClafflin; Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; Sheriff Randy Hill; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk; Joyce Foley; Vicki Steffen; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Matthew Ricke, County Attorney.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Misty Jacobs, Public Works Office Manager; Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Commissioner Foley gave an invocation.

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

Chairman Steffen would like to add an Attorney-Client Privilege executive session.

Commissioner Henning would like to add information on the Law Enforcement Center.

The County Clerk would like to give information on the Courthouse air conditioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the additions of the executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege; information on the Law Enforcement Center and information on the air conditioners. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

No comments were made.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the April 20th, 2020 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the April 20th, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:43 a.m. Sheriff Hill discussed dispatch with the County Commissioners and let them know that AT & T said they would need six weeks advance notice to move lines for the dispatch. The Sheriff decided after

talking with The Law Company that they would wait to move the dispatch when the new part of the facility is finished.

Commissioner Henning asked about the City Police moving out and if it will be permanent.

Sheriff Hill said the City Police moved currently due to the pandemic and he believes that they will be together once the facility is finished.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor at 8:48 a.m. to discuss pending 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 they will return to open session in the Expo Center North room at 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:55 a.m. with no binding action taken.

The Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$81,591.67.

The Commissioners signed road & bridge vouchers in the amount of \$8603.51.

9:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director submitted a code of conduct for the FAS #12 Bridge for the Commissioners to sign.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed receiving a few emails from AEP Renewables.

John Caton, Counselor said that he feels that the Commissioners need to talk with Richard Chandler, AEP and have AEP come to the Commission to discuss the finalization.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the engineering expenses for the windfarm and what AEP Renewables is willing to pay for the engineering services.

Mr. Caton discussed that an amendment needs to be done.

Commissioner Henning asked about the roads being used for Flat Ridge 3.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that AEP Renewables and Kirkham Michael have been bartering the usage of the roads.

Mr. Caton discussed the guaranty for Flat Ridge 3.

Mr. Arensdorf asked Mr. Caton to respond back to AEP Renewables about the guaranty and see what happens.

Commissioners agreed that they would like Mr. Caton to respond back to AEP Renewables.

Commissioner Foley discussed that he talked with a trucker that will be hauling rock to the windfarm and the route they were shown to take for delivery.

9:15 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in and let the Commissioners know that testing is being done. Still no cases in Kingman County.

Mrs. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the restrictions for testing have changed and there are new symptoms being added.

Mrs. Schwartz talked about Ford County numbers and how much they have gone up.

The Governor's order was discussed and they will know more later this week.

Commissioner Henning wanted to know if our hospital has a ventilator.

Mrs. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she has heard different things but she doesn't think they have an actual ventilator.

Mrs. Schwartz let the Commissioners know she is talking with the City officials every other week.

Commissioners agreed that the main thing is if you are sick that you need to stay home.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager gave an update to the Commissioners and let them know that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday with the Governor.

Mr. Caton asked Mrs. Schwartz how long it will take for immunity and antibody tests.

Mrs. Schwartz let Mr. Caton know that she doesn't know that at this time.

Mr. Schott said that the symptoms of COVID-19 have been revised.

Mr. Schott wants to have a healthy way to move forward.

Mr. Caton asked Mr. Schott and Mrs. Schwartz if the County will have a stock pile of PPE to be prepared for any future situations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor; Stan Goetz, HR; Misty Jacobs, Public Works Office Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director & Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse at 9:48 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance 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 they will return to open session in the Expo Center North room at 10:00 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 10:00 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Arensdorf, Ms. Jacobs and Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed that Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance had requested that she let the Commissioners know that he had the air conditioners serviced in the courthouse and the cost will be over \$2000.00.

Mr. Caton asked about the County Coroner position and let the Commissioners know that a District Coroner would be all the County would need to have.

Ms. Noblit let the Commissioners know that Dr. Anderson in Sumner County is the District Coroner.

The Commissioners agreed that if Dr. Anderson is the District Coroner than the County is covered.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:10 a.m.
Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.