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MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Expo Center North Room, Kansas on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors online: Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Director; Jon Richardson; Lucas Dick; David Lux; Larry Landwehr; Joyce Foley; Dee; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Sheriff Hill; Max Clark, USD 331 Superintendent; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Kerry Nation, Horizons Mental Health; Caller 01.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

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 Henning gave an invocation.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

Larry Landwehr told the Commissioners to keep their heads up and they are doing a good job.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:37 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director discussed that she has been doing media for COVID-19 and did a poll on social media to get feedback from local businesses.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the census work has continued and our census numbers are looking good for Kingman County. The county has ranked 22 out of 646 in participation of counties similar in size.

Ms. Schrag will be attending a webinar on May 11<sup>th</sup> for what counties are doing during COVID-19.

Commissioner Henning wanted to know if there was anything that businesses could do if they improve their store fronts without the valuation and taxes going up.

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8:50 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in and said she received 10 bids for the siding.

Ms. Frampton discussed with the Commissioners that some of the bidders submitted two options and she wanted to know if they wanted to re-bid the project to give all bidders the option to bid on the two options.

Commissioner Henning discussed the concerns of the bidding for this project.

The County Commissioners discussed that they would like to re-bid the siding for the Expo Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to reject all bids received for the siding project and do a new scope of work to be reviewed next week having Commissioner Henning work with Mendy and John Caton. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton submitted bids from Engineered Door Products Inc. in the amount of \$3,777.00 and Fisher Lumber Company in the amount of \$6,800.00 for new doors on the sides that will be re-sided.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting 9:17 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatement:

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The County Commissioners discussed the change orders received from The Law Company for a transfer switch and an upgrade of the generator to a 250KW.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve change order #4 in the amount of \$ 4686.91 for a transfer switch and change order #5 in the amount of \$63,444.53 for a generator upgrade to a 250Kw which was originally \$41,995.00 for a 200 Kw. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:37 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to discuss that testing is still being done in the county. Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she had held a department head meeting on Friday and had come to a plan.

The County Commissioners discussed their concerns and would like to get the Courthouse open to the taxpayers.

Richard Schott discussed the plan that he had come up with prior to Friday's meeting with the Department Heads.

The Commissioners would like to use the plan that Mr. Schott had put together.

Ms. Frampton discussed her scheduling of events.

The Commissioners and Ms. Schwartz let her know that for now it should stay closed.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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11:04a.m. Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health and Kerry Nation, Horizons Mental Health were online to talk with the County Commissioners and review their statement of Revenue/Expenses for month and year to date ending March 31, 2020.

Mr. Garrett let the Commissioners know that they are working on their budget for next year and final copy is to be finalized May 27<sup>th</sup>. If it is finalized he will get it to Carol Noblit, County Clerk to give to the Commissioners for the budget process.

Kerry Nation let the Commissioners know that the Commissioners are welcomed to come see the new offices.

Mr. Garrett and Ms. Nation left the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Chairman Steffen let the Board know that the sales tax received for April was \$60,063.65.

11:24 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to review the Consulting Engineer yearly contract for Steve Bachenberg from June 1, 2020 to June 1, 2021 for the Commissioners approval. The contract is to remain the same with an added paragraph for extra charges if needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept Steve Bachenberg contract for consulting engineer services from June 1, 2020 to June 1, 2021. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed FAS #12 Bridge replacement with the County Commissioners and that the counties share of the cost may be around \$825,000.00.

Mr. Arensdorf wanted the Commissioners to know that the cost is more than what was initially discussed and would like the Commission to think about what they want to do with FAS #12.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he had a taxpayer called him about 160 ave about a 1 ½ mile south of 42 that a waterway dumps out into the ditch and the windfarm was going to make a road to a windtower on the waterway. Mr. Arensdorf let Commissioner Henning know that he will look at the area and get back to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:21 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.