
MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON May 11th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Expo Center North Room, Kansas on May 11th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors online: Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; DeAnna Gerhardt; Larry Landwehr; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk; Jon Richardson; Joyce Foley; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Caller 01; Caller 02; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer & Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance.

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.

Chairman Steffen gave an invocation.

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

Commissioner Henning would like to add some comments to the Public Comments session.

County Clerk Carol Noblit would like to add time for Becky Luntsford to see the Commissioners and Mark Schnittker would like time with the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the additions of comments during public comments; add time with Becky Luntsford and time for Mark Schnittker with the Commission. 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 told the Commissioners "Good Morning".

Jason Jump discussed with the Commissioners why they are not allowing fountain drinks to be available to people. Mr. Jump also discussed how it was peoples given right to be able to decide if they would like a fountain drink or not.

Mr. Jump asked the Commissioners why they are making this decision.

The Commissioners let Mr. Jump know that they would bring this back up during the Health Nurses time.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 4th, 2020 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the May 4th, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:49 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the FAS #12 Bridge Project.

Mr. Arensdorf would like to keep sales tax at one million in reserve for future projects.

The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf about the bridge funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agreement between Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Kingman County, Kansas for Project No. 48C-5043-01 ER-C504(301) FAS #12 Bridge. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed with the Commissioners a detour agreement with KDOT.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his April Financial Reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the Murdock Safety Project and that construction is underway.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the bid letting procedures and attendance by the consultants. The Commissioners would like them to attend the meeting by using the Go To Meeting.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he has a Hot Mix Bid Letting for FAS 1428 & 303 on May 18th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

9:26 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director was in with a new request for proposal for resheet the North, West and South side of the Kingman Expo Center with metal.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the new request for proposal on the Expo Center siding. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton discussed the opening of the Expo Center and the moral responsibility of the County.

The Commissioners decided that they would like to remain closed until phase three at least.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

9:42 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to update the Commissioners on COVID-19.

Chairman Steffen opened the meeting to public comment.

Jason Jump asked why we are still restricting soda fountain usage by limiting civil liberties and freedom.

John Caton, County Counselor said that Jason Jump's argument is not a public comment.

Chairman Steffen said Public Comment is over.

Ms. Schwartz restrictions are going to remain through phase one and the Governor will decide later this week when phase two will begin.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they are remaining locked but are holding appointments for people to come in.

Chairman Steffen opened up public comment because he shut off Larry Landwehr who wanted to talk.

Larry Landwehr asked why day cares are open with little ones coming in and out.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that the State is allowing day cares to be open because they are considered essential. That essential employees are needing day care and the kids need a place to go.

Stan Goetz, HR presented an application for an individual to work temporary at the Courthouse to check individuals in.

Richard Schott let the Commissioners know that things are going well but there are a few changes that need to be made.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve hiring Jeff Heminway temporary to sit at the Courthouse door and let individuals in. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:12 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that the state has closed the drivers license office on Tuesday indefinitely but Thursday they will be open for renewals only starting the week of the 18th.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that taxes are due today because no extension was given.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatement:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:31 a.m. to discuss an 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 10:37 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 10:37 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Schnittker left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

10:38 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director went over the following building permits:

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1. Chris Dick for a garage in Section 6, Township 30, Range 8.
 2. Robert Goodman for a garage in Section 24, Township 27, Range 5.
 3. Debra Alderman for a shed/living quarters in Section 7, Township 29, Range 6.
 4. Monte Rose for a shed in Section 6, Township 28, Range 9.
 5. Jerry Cass for an attached garage/shed in Section 23, Township 27, Range 5.
 6. Nick Blank for a Barn in Section 11, Township 28, Range 6.

Mr. Goetz submitted permits for the windfarm.

Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$774,059.59.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$51972.92.

Mr. Caton discussed property tax valuation on improvements to a property.

Commissioner Henning was just wanting to know if fixing property cosmetics can affect the taxes on a property.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence received from Viner about extension on their NRP.

Commissioners would like to look at the NRP policy.

Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that the NRP policy states that a further extension can be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Commissioners decide to table the NRP until next week.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:34 a.m.
Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.