
MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON July 20th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 20th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors: Catherine Rohrer, South Central Community Corrections Administrator; Larry Landwehr

Visitors Online: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; Caller 01; Caller 002; Caller 03; Melissa Romme, Adams Brown Beran & Ball Chtd.; David Steffen.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse & Richard Schott, Emergency Manager.

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.

8:30 a.m. Catherine Rohrer, South Central Community Corrections Administrator was in with Adult outcomes for Fiscal year 2020 and to get a signature for a grant. The Juvenile outcomes for Fiscal year 2020 were discussed.

Ms. Rohrer left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

9:01 a.m. Roy Riggs, The Law Company and Dennis Kerschen, The Law Company were in to discuss that they were asked to have a meeting with the Sheriff and a Commissioner every Monday to go over what will be done for the week ahead so preparation can be made.

Mr. Kerschen said that they are wanting to make sure there is better communication.

Mr. Riggs discussed that there are currently not enough outlets so the sub-contractor is making those changes.

Mr. Riggs and Mr. Kerschen discussed changes and issues that are being reviewed.

Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director asked Mr. Riggs if he had a date for the dispatch move.

Mr. Riggs asked Ms. Kinsler when the new desk will be delivered.

Mr. Riggs let Ms. Kinsler know that he would come over after the meeting to discuss the dispatch move.

Mr. Kerschen asked the Sheriff if there are things that they can do to improve.

Sheriff Hill gave suggestions on communication that could be improved and it is getting better.

Mr. Riggs, Mr. Kerschen and Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

10:07 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss ways to advertise for Law Enforcement Center employment. There will be a banner purchased to advertise.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know how the Department Head meeting went last week and what was discussed.

Commissioner Henning said we need to keep on top of the health benefits and we can't keep increasing the cost of the health insurance.

John Caton, County Counselor discussed that you could have a 125 plan but may not be the way to go.

10:39 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to give an update on the Tax Sale that was held on July 13, 2020. Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that the delinquency rate has gone down to 2.52%.

Ms. Luntsford presented documents for the Commissioners to sign to open a new bank account for the Kingman Cares (Spark funding) monies.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

10:47 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in with 2021 Budget draft #4 to review with the County Commissioners.

Melissa Romme, Auditor from Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball Chtd discussed using the pilot money to buy down the levy with the Commissioners and if they were sure that is what they wanted to do.

Commissioner Steffen explained to Ms. Romme that they discussed this over many weeks and it was the right thing to do for the taxpayers by using Pilot money.

Commissioner Henning explained that the Pilot money is payment in lieu of taxes and he feels it is tax dollars and it needs to be used to help keep the levy down.

Commissioner Foley discussed that he is looking forward with a positive attitude that things will turn around.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the proposed budget for 2021. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners set the 2021 budget hearing for August 3rd, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Langley left the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

11:13 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for Ark Valley Electric to relocate power line between Sections 9 & 16, Township 28, Range 09W.

Mr. Arensdorf was in with a proposal from Kirkham Michael for a design contract for deck and stringer replacement on Bridge W.3-8.0 Ninescah River Bridge on SE 10 St. for a fee of \$24,000.00 and asked the Commissioners to consider this bridge for the Off-System Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2020.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve W.3-8.0 design contract from Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the pre-construction for the burnt bridge is August 11th, 2020.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Flat Ridge III guaranty for the transformer route South of Zenda if needed.

Mr. Caton feels that the amount increased for the guaranty we should stick with.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted June Financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

11:42 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Richard Schott, Emergency Manager were in with information. Ms. Schwartz said that there is still only 5 cases.

Commissioner Steffen asked if testing is being done if requested.

Ms. Schwartz said that health care providers are testing if you have symptoms.

Mr. Schott discussed that he needs to extend the emergency resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to extend the emergency resolution for an additional sixty days. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that he will be the point of contact for SPARK-Cares Act.

Mr. Schott and Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to rescind his motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:20p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen recessed the meeting to the Law Enforcement Center and will reconvene at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the Commission meeting at 12:05 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.
