
MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON August 3rd, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 3rd, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors: Larry Landwehr

Visitors Online: Kingman Leader Courier; Joyce Foley

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; & 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.

Commissioner Henning gave an invocation.

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk asked to add discussion on the Election Canvass.

John Caton, County Counselor would like to add discussion about the Guaranty Agreement with AEP.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with an addition of discussion on the Election Canvass and the Guaranty Agreement with AEP. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:30 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning was in to let the Commissioners know that the person that was manning the door has had to move on to his regular full time job so the position has been filled by Bailey Luck.

Mr. Goetz submitted a form from Gallagher that will change the flex plan from a max of 2700.00 per year to 2750.00 per year.

Commissioners signed the form approving raising the flex plan to 2750.00 per year.

Mr. Goetz submitted a Policy #14 change to the Commissioners for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve a change to policy #14. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted information from the Planning/Zoning meeting last week. The meeting discussed the plat of a subdivision that will be by the Cheney Lake area that will be six plots.

Mr. Goetz submitted a building permit for the following:

1. Bryan & Andrea Blundell for a shed plus a pool house in Section 24, Township 27, Range 05W.

9:00 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with more information on the Façade Improvement Program.

Ms. Schrag discussed what the Façade program would do for the local businesses.

9:40 a.m. Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed the County Canvass for the Primary Election. Ms. Noblit asked if the meeting time could be changed to Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 instead of the 10th due to the time restraints of the County Audit being done and having to have 48 hour notice to the Secretary of State.

Commissioners asked John Caton, County Counselor if they could change the date of the regular meeting to Tuesday. Mr. Caton let the board know that they can change the date if they are moving it for the regular meeting.

9:48 a.m. John Caton, County Counselor discussed with the Commissioners about his time and how it is billed out.

Chairman Steffen has opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for the County Budget Hearing.

Chairman Steffen asked if there is any questions or concerns from the taxpayers.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept the Kingman County 2021 Budget. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen closed the County Budget hearing at 10:05 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS

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The County Commissioners signed County Vouchers in the amount of \$41,763.56.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 27th, 2020 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the July 27th, 2020 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:25 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to update the Commissioners on COVID cases.

The County has had 9 cases which five have recovered.

10:30 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse entered the meeting online

Mr. Schott updated the Commissioners on the Spark funding and what has been done up to date.

Mr. Schott discussed technology purchases for the Courthouse.

Ms. Schwartz called in on Commissioner Steffen's phone by conference.

Purchasing a vehicle for the Health Department to be able to haul vaccines & the emergency medical trailer.

Ms. Schwartz requested an executive for Employee Evaluation

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:52 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 that we return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:05 a.m. with no binding action taken.

11:08 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and discussed Amendment No. 3 to Guaranty Agreement for road south of Zenda.

Commissioners would like to make a change to the amendment and discuss it during next week's meeting.

Mr. Caton will contact Tanner Yost about the amendment to the Guaranty.

Commissioner Henning let the board and Mr. Arensdorf know that AEP chose to pay for Theis to drive the extra miles for hauling sand to the windfarm.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction date for the 2020 Hot Mix Program is August 6th with work to tentatively set to start August 19th.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction date for the Dale #20 Bridge is August 11th with work to start the week of September 8th.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Chairman Steffen recessed the Board Meeting to the Law Enforcement Center until 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the Board Meeting at the Law Enforcement Center at 11:30 a.m.

The Commissioners reviewed the Law Enforcement Center.

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