

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON September 28th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 28th, 2020. Those present:

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

Visitors Online: Kingman Leader Courier; Kallie Turner; Caller 01

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse & Richard Schott, Emergency Manager.

Commissioner Foley 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.

Commissioner Foley asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Jason Jump had a COVID question but if they would like to wait until Mary Schwartz's time that would be okay.

Commissioners agreed to wait until Mary Schwartz. Health Nurse's scheduled time.

8:30 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to discuss the stray animal fund. There are funds in the account and will need to be sent to Kansas Animal Health Department \$8,484.97.

Ms. Luntsford asked if a chair in her office is being replaced can the employee purchase the old one.

Commissioner Henning and Commissioner Foley agreed that it would be okay to let the employee have their old chair.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting for review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the September 21st, 2020 regular board meeting minutes. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley read correspondence from Cunningham City requesting \$3,000.00 for first responders.

Commissioners requested Richard Schott to come and discuss the Spark funding.

Mr. Schott said he would look into it and see if funding is available.

8:51 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was with an update.

Mr. Wimer has been working on townships, working on trees on county right of ways and bridges.

Commissioner Foley requested that an elm tree be burned back to help with the view going south at the curve by Murdock to help with the lights being seen.

Mr. Wimer discussed that the Household Hazardous Waste collection done on September 14th, 2020 was good. There was nine barrels taken to Pratt.

Mr. Wimer let the Commissioners know that the City was very helpful during the collection process.

Mr. Wimer discussed his plans for the rest of 2020 and it would consist of the following items:

1. Finish spraying trees and bindweed.
2. Scout and spray musk thistle rosettes.
3. Put out bid for chemicals for 2021.
4. Work on annual state report.
5. Pull winter maintenance on equipment.

Commissioner Steffen asked if we may want to spray by air musk thistle because there are big patches.

Commissioner Steffen also suggested maybe have training for people on weed identification.

Mr. Wimer said that he would look into maybe scheduling something on weed identification before next Spring.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Commissioners approved the following abatements:

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9:23 a.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in to discuss purchases for equipment to help if the need for working from home comes about through Spark funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the purchase of the equipment from ICONIC IT in the amount of \$5998.05. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

9:51 a.m. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss having a postcard sent to all residences in Kingman County about the wearing of a mask through Taylor Printing in the amount of \$1,450.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the sending of the postcard for \$1450.00 from Taylor Printing for mask wearing. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott submitted a quote from Henry Schein for stand alone systems in each office to help keep the air clean for \$25,905.60 with spark funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of 18 RADIC8 in the amount of \$37,008.00 with spark funding. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that his Rural EOC Enhancement Grant Application that he submitted for a new EOC was awarded an amount of \$52,831.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept the \$52,831.00 Rural EOC Enhancement Grant. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

John Nye let the Commissioners know that last week was a very productive week. People have appreciated what the County Commissioners are doing.

Mr. Nye is surprised how little some have done and how little they are wanting to do but it is up to them.

Mr. Schott is waiting to see when Witt O'Briens LLC will have the information before having a meeting for approval.

Mr. Schott and Mr. Nye left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Jason Jump had a citizen that was concerned about cases and the tests are unreliable.

Commissioner Henning as a Commissioner there is always controversy. The deaths that are nationwide for the disease are a concern. Protect the best we can without infringing on people's rights. Wearing a mask is your decision.

Commissioner Steffen this is the best information that we have and we can only go by what we have at this time.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the accuracy of the tests. There are other tests but the PCR is the gold standard of testing.

Mr. Jump asked if the tests in Kingman that have been positive are done by PCR tests.

Ms. Schwartz said that all Kingman positive tests have been done with a PCR test.

Mr. Jump wanted to know if tests that were positive been retested and come back positive.

Ms. Schwartz said when they have been re-tested they have come back positive.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a weekly positivity report.

Commissioner Steffen asked if Cunningham High School is having school. Ms. Schwartz said Cunningham High School is remote this week.

Ms. Schwartz discussed purchasing a pickup truck for hauling the trailer. A quote was received from Newberry in the amount of \$35,100.00 for a 2020 Ford F150 XLT.

Commissioners decided to put a hold on it until next week and have the truck brought down to look at it.

Ms. Schwartz introduced Kay Heikes her new Registered Nurse for the Health Department.

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

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Josh Beckham, Kirkham Michael were in with two proposals from Kirkham Michael. The first one is for the FAS Bridge #13 on SE 70th Avenue, 1.1 miles south of K-42 Highway to remove it and replace it with a new reinforced concrete haunched slab span bridge. The second one is for the Kingman County Off-system bridge M.0-7.5 on SW 70th Avenue between Section 1, Twp 28, Range 9 and Section 6, Township 28, Range 8 over the South Fork Ninescah River approximately 0.5 miles S of US-54 Highway.

The FAS Bridge #13 engineering services for the survey, design fee and bid letting is \$52,000.00 and the professional engineering services for the Off-system bridge M.0-7.5 fee of \$25,000.00 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the engineering services for FAS Bridge #13 with Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the engineering services for NBI #000480721006245. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf said that the seal was put on the Health Department parking lot last week and the Courthouse parking lot will be done next year due to all the work being done here at the Courthouse.

11:30 a.m. Sheriff Randy Hill and Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director were in with spark funding purchases. One was for Two Thermal Temperature Scanning stations for the Law Enforcement Center from General Informatics in the amount of \$9,990.00; 8- R Air purifiers from Glassman Corporations in the amount of \$7144.00; Telephones for the Law Enforcement center.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the purchase of two thermal scanners from General Informatics in the amount of \$9,990.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of 8-Air purifiers from Glassman Corporations in the amount of \$7144.00. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley recessed the Board meeting at 11:45 a.m. to the Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioner Foley reconvened the Board meeting at 11:50 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.