

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON January 11th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 4th, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Kingman Leader-Courier; Shanna Henry; Emergency Manager; Caller 01; Larry Landwehr; Tammy Miller; Caller 03; Jerika Francis; Joyce Foley

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Chuck Luntsford; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Dolores Henning

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Sheriff Randy Hill; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director

Chairman Henning 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 Henning gave an invocation.

Swearing In of Elected Officials was given by Judge Sylvester.

Jerry Henning, County Commissioner District #2
Jack Thimesch, County Commissioner District #3
Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer
Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds
Randy Hill, Sheriff
Carol D Noblit, County Clerk

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

Chairman Henning would like to add some comments at the end of Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition Commissioner comments at the end of the meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer welcomed Commissioner Thimesch to the Board.

8:38 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to get signatures for the County checking account and Ms. Luntsford let them know that when the CD's come due they will need to sign those.

Ms. Luntsford left the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

The County Clerk submitted the January 4th, 2021 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch approved the minutes of the January 4th, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Russell Clouse declining the Dale township position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the resignation of Russell Clouse to the Dale township position he was appointed to. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Robert Frampton about the Dale township position and that it was township Treasurer that was vacant. Mr. Frampton would like to suggest Lowell Fairchild for the Dale Township Treasurer position that was vacated by Mr. Nichols.

The County Commissioners would like to wait two weeks before appointing for the Dale Township Treasurer position.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from the Kansas Historical Society letting them know that the Louis Werner Barn at 4550 NE 80th Ave, Pretty Prairie was placed on the National Register of Historical Places.

9:07 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to get signatures that were missed last week for Eagles Pub & Golf Course and Tiny Toes Daycare.

Duplication agreement for Veach Chiropractic that qualifies for the CDBG-CV grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the CDBG-CV grant for Veach Chiropractic and Samantha Younger's Daycare. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$48,515.21.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$282,078.74.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements:

ABATEMENTS	
20210000001	-448.44
20210000002	-281.86

9:16 a.m. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with Garber Surveying Contract for 2021. Mr. Garber does all surveys for Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Garber Surveying Contract for Kingman County for 2021. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hubbell left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

9:24 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that other Counties are implementing Sick leave like the Commissioners approved last week.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that we have had a new case within the County which will be able to use the new Sick Leave that was passed.

Mr. Goetz explained the pay matrix for Jack Thimesch and if he had any questions about the information to just get with him.

Mr. Goetz discussed windfarm information and that he had heard some information about Flat Ridge Four.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

1. Keith Strohl for a storage shed in Section 9, Township 29, Range 10W.
2. Troy Heard for 3 sheds and Living Quarters in Section 25, Township 27, Range 9W.
3. Bryce Bolen for a shed/cabin in Section 36, Township 27, Range 06W.

Commissioners discussed the Holiday next week and if they would have a meeting.

Commissioners decided to not hold a meeting next week and the next scheduled meeting will be January 25th, 2021.

9:45 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with COVID stats.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the Kansas vaccination phases with the Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz asked for an executive session for performance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse, Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 10:04 a.m. to discuss 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(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. and no decision was needed.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

10:34 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and reviewed the 2020 Right of Way Use Permit fees and the dispersion of funds to the townships. The funds to townships totaled \$21,800.00.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed doing a debriefing meeting between the FLAP committee and Commissioners on February 8th, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

The County Commissioners discussed attending the debriefing and being able to let them know why the County has changed accepting the FLAP project.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Evan 8 & 6 Structure Replacement Letting on February 8th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf was in with the Cost Share Agreement with KDOT for FAS Bridge #11 & FAS Bridge #13.

The Commissioners signed the Cost Share Agreement for two bridge replacements between Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Kingman County, Kansas.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Annual Township Meeting and if they Commissioners want to hold it.

The Commissioners would like to not hold it this year due to COVID restrictions but maybe a newsletter could be sent out.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he will have a Field Check meeting for the FAS #12 with KDOT is Wednesday, January 12th via teleconference.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed Flat Ridge 3 and the extra AB3 the windfarm has and that he will have coordination between WOOD and the townships.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Arensdorf know that he went by and looked at the fence at the landfill.

11:15 a.m. Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director was in to discuss the new phones for the Law Enforcement Center and the billing received from AT & T in the amount of \$6,700.00.

The Commissioners would like to see if there is any funding options left for the phones.

Sheriff Hill submitted bills from Equate(voice logger) and Motorola for approval because the Law Company told the Sheriff that they only will handle the wiring not the moving of equipment.

Commissioners would like for John Caton to look into that these bills with the Law Company.

Sheriff Hill would like permission to go ahead and pay the bills.

John Caton, County Counselor would like for those bills to be paid out of the Law Enforcement Center funding.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that there was a water leak in the new portion of the Law Enforcement Center. Since the leak was an emergency, Eck Electric was called to fix the leak.

Sheriff Hill let them know that they had a gas leak last week on Tuesday.

Ms. Kinsler let the Commissioners know they had an issue with air conditioning on Thursday last week.

Sheriff Hill discussed mental health and currently the facility contacts Horizons Mental Health and if they are needing further help they are sent to Larned State Hospital. Currently Larned is at compacity.

Sheriff Hill said he would like to get a group together to work on this problem.

The Commissioners agreed that getting a group together would be good and one of them would be happy to be in the group.

Chairman Henning asked Sheriff Hill if thefts are up. Sheriff Hill believes that our statistics are up on theft and it comes from other counties.

Chairman Henning asked if we should put something out that if people see suspicious activity they should report it.

Sheriff Hill said that he has put it on Facebook in the past to help with awareness.

Ms. Kinsler said if people would put an owner identification on there items it would be helpful in identifying items.

Sheriff Hill and Ms. Kinsler left the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:22 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.