

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON February 1st, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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; Tammy Miller; Joyce Foley

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Sheriff Hill; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works 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.

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

Commissioner Foley would like to add discussion of Rails to Trails.

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with Stan Goetz.

John Caton, Counselor would like to add an executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of two executive sessions and discussion of Rails to Trails. 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.

Larry Landwehr thanked the Commissioners for questioning the COVID response.

Commissioners asked Trace Salzebrunner about his article that was in the paper last week.

8:40 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss charges that are still on the books and that they have been hard to collect.

Commissioners agreed to take off the charges to the Heritage Trust for viewing the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton went over her calendar and events that were held in January.

Ms. Frampton discussed the shavings with the Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that she will need help to get sand into the arena for two events.

The Commissioners and Ms. Frampton discussed a shavings pit for used shavings but they will need to discuss with the City before it can be done.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know how community service is going.

Ms. Frampton left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

9:02 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss an appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint John Nye to the Economic Development Advisory Committee until December 31, 2021. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag discussed that she put out a survey and got a good response; CDBG-CV and CDBG grants; the façade program and education and training that was attended.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that she will be working on a grant for Memory Lane and working on updating the website for Economic Development.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

9:33 a.m. Andrea Wood, Extension Agent was in to update the Commissioners; Mike Floyd, Executive Chairman of the Extension board and online was Shanna Henry, Extension board member.

Ms. Wood let the Commissioners know that the Stay Strong, Stay Healthy fall session ended on November 17<sup>th</sup> and Dining with Diabetes online will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Wood discussed the 4-H/Youth Development projects that were done.

Ms. Wood let the Commissioners know about the Community Vitality programs which were the SHICK(Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansans); Medicare Basics via Zoom and that a Grant Writing Workshop was held.

Ms. Wood informed the Commissioners of the following upcoming projects: 4-H Record Keeping Workshop; Stay Strong, Stay Healthy; Dining with Diabetes online course; Walk Kansas and the Kingman County 4-H Day.

Ms. Wood and Mr. Floyd left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a COVID-19 cases update for the Commissioners.

Kingman County currently has 39 active cases and 3 hospitalizations.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager discussed the current challenges they are facing.

Commissioners discussed the vaccines and the process that the Health Department is doing to give them.

Ms. Schwartz requested 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 10:37 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 10:50 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 10:50 a.m. with no action taken.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

10:53 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR asked Commissioners asked if it was okay to advertise on the website for Community Corrections position. The Commissioners agreed that it would be okay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 10:55 a.m. to discuss employee's evaluation 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 11:15 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 11:15 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 11:15 a.m. to discuss employee's evaluation 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 11:20 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 11:20 a.m. with no decisions made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve bid from Farmers Coop in Pretty Prairie for fuel for the year. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed going out to bid for the 21<sup>st</sup> street overlay by the Cheney reservoir in the amount of possibly 1.5 million to 1.8 million.

Mr. Arensdorf recommended doing the Mt. Vernon two miles instead of the whole nine miles.

The Commissioners discussed that the 21<sup>st</sup> street needs maintenance.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he would help with funding out of his special bridge and special highway for FAS #11, #12 & #13.

Commissioners agreed to move forward with a bid letting for the two miles at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Arensdorf asked to have Mr. Caton send a letter on road damage that hasn't been paid.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Flap debriefing will be next week

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

County Commissioners approved the following abatement:

ABATEMENTS	
202100021	-158.04
202100022	-787.64

Chairman Henning discussed that he had stuff stolen and feels that something needs to be done to get information out to the public letting it know that this is happening in our area.

Sheriff Hill agreed that people need motivation and it has to be from them and not the Sheriff's office.

Chairman Henning would like something in the newspaper, county website and county facebook.

Sheriff Hill left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 12:41p.m. to discuss employee's evaluation 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 12:48 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:48 p.m. with no decisions made.

Chairman Henning opened correspondence from the Department of Health and Environment.

Chairman Henning received a resignation letter from Ryan Ruckle for the Kingman Township Clerk's position and submitted the name of Abby Bock as she has shown interest in the position.

The Commissioners would like to get in touch with Abby Bock to see if she is interested in the position before appointing.

Chairman Henning opened correspondence from The Law Company requesting that the retainage % go to 5% and they would like the County Clerk to look into what the total remaining on the project is before it is signed.

John Caton, County Counselor submitted a deed for the sale of the LaSalle Street Property.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Special Warranty Deed for the sale of the LaSalle Street Property to the Kingman Humane Society. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor at 1:05 p.m. to discuss attorney-client privilege 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 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioner returned to regular session at 1:15 p.m. with no decision was made.

Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that he is retiring from Martindell, Swearer and Schaffer but will maintain some of his clients. He was just letting the Commission know.

Commissioner Foley discussed that they are wanting to extend the Rails to Trails and there are people in his area that are not for it.

Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that it is a long drawn out process to try to shut down the Rails to Trails.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.