

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ON February 8th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those present:

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

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Kingman Leader-Courier; Tammy Miller; Joyce Foley; Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03; Caller 04; Larry Landweher; Shanna Henry; Viewer; Michael Diegler; James Herylck

Visitors: Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Josh Diabal, Kirkham Michael

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR; 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.

County Clerk would like to add discussion on Ideatek.

Chairman Henning would like to add the appointment of Abby Bock to Kingman Township.

Commissioner Foley would like to talk about the Economic Development Advisory Committee position.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Abby Bock appointment; Economic Development Advisory Committee Position and Ideatek discussion. 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 said "Good Morning" and he discussed that a lot of the Economic Development is being spent in Kingman City.

County Clerk submitted the Commission Meeting minutes of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

John Caton discussed Ideatek information with the County Commissioners and that he would be emailing the information to them to review.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Abby Bock to the Kingman Twp Clerk position. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley let the board know that he talked with Jim Rowland from Norwich about sitting on the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Mr. Rowland would let Ms. Schrag know later this week if he would be interested in the position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to extend leave for an employee. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed information received from The Law Company on the retainage being changed.

Chairman Henning would like to not pay anymore towards the project until we can talk with The Law Company and know exactly what is going on.

Commissioners signed one abatement for the following:

ABATEMENT	
2021000023	-434.56

Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$104,595.60.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$12,617.58.

9:04 a.m. Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in to discuss mailing out CVN Statements and submitted bids from the following companies:

Komtek Systems Corporation \$3,962.72

Postalocity \$3,532.49

Ms. Hartley would like to go with Komtek Systems Corporation because she likes their work and has never had any trouble.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the bid from Komtek Systems Corporation in the amount of \$3,962.72 for CVN Statement printing and mailing. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed values of land with Ms. Hartley.

Ms. Hartley left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

9:27 a.m. John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with his annual report for the State that needs the Commissioners approval and signature.

Mr. Wimer was in with a maintenance agreement with the state to spray noxious weeds in Kingman County right of ways.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the maintenance agreement with the State of Kansas to spray Right of Ways in Kingman County. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Wimer left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

9:37 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with building permits for the following:

1. John Steffen for a lean to add on in Section 27, Township 27, Range 10W.
2. Belmont Township for a shop/shed in Section 17, Township 29, Range 8W.
3. Russell Voyles for a unattached living quarters in Section 11, Township 30, Range 7W.
4. Scott Gage for a House in Section 30, Township 30, Range 05W.
5. David Brant for a cabin in Section 6, Township 30, Range 05W.
6. Edward Dutton for a machine shed in Section 10, Township 27, Range 05W.
7. Clint Foley for a machine shed in Section 15, Township 28, Range 05W.

Mr. Goetz gave the Commissioners a breakdown of the building permits values through the years and a breakdown of the sanitarian permits of 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 9:50 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 10:05 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 10:05 a.m. with no decision made.

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The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:08 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to give Mr. Goetz the go ahead to move forward on the work comp claim that he has. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

10:09 a.m. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update on COVID-19 cases. Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that there are currently 41 active cases and 1 hospitalization.

Ms. Schwartz discussed having a mass vaccination clinic on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5pm.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that John Steffen was on the Health Coalition and it is a requirement to have someone on the Coalition board for grants.

It would need to have a Commissioner; at large position and a medical position.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Schwartz that he would take the Commissioner position on the coalition.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to have Chairman Henning as the Commissioner position for the Health Coalition. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg and Josh with Kirkham Michael was in with bids received from Bridge Evan #8 Replacement:

Klaver Construction Co. \$175,819.24

Mies Construction \$196,509.00

Reece Construction \$207,529.00

L & M Contractors, Inc. \$224,628.00

Michael Diegler; James Herlyck; Christopher Longley & Wendy Longley from Federal Highways were on via go to meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the FLAP project debriefing. The project was accepted in 2019 for 2.1 miles from Kingman County line to the west end of the highway to be let in 2022. Mr. Diegler went over the four options that were provided to the County.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer let Mr. Diegler know that he made a good presentation of the scenario of the FLAP project.

Commissioner Foley discussed that the time frame is the reason that he wasn't for the project as it had been pushed another year out and the road needs repaired now.

Mr. Diegler feels that the full depth reclamation is needed for this road to have a longer life.

Mr. Diegler discussed the notification letter that was sent out in 2019 that the fiscal year was 2022 on availability of funds.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed the uncertainty of the project and the Commissioners decision to discontinue the project.

Chairman Henning discussed that the Counties cost share on the program has grown since the beginning of the project.

Mr. Diegler did agree that the original cost share to the county was \$312,000.00 and has raised to \$636,000.00.

Mr. Herlyck thanked the Commissioners for their feedback and for applying for the FLAP project.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the bid from Klaver Construction Co. in the amount of \$175,819.24 for the Evan #8 Bridge. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg gave an update to the Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed the federal fund exchange for FY 2021 is \$96773.75 and 90% would give the County \$87,096.37.

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The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners approved Reorganization of positions at the Public Works Department.

Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Goetz left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Chairman Henning would like to have something put in the newspaper on thefts in the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.