

# FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF March 1, 2021  
MEETING NUMBER 2021-09  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
3:30 P.M.



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The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Chambers at the Ford County Government Center.

Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Marcia Couch, Market Place Ministries International, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2021-07; 2021-08

Credit Card Statement: February

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## Approval of Claims for Payment: \$193,934.50

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the claims for payment as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## Open Public Comment

Sheriff Bill Carr expressed his appreciation for County staff members from Fire/EMS, Communications and GIS departments, and the Dispatch system that we have now.

## Unfinished Business - None

## Legal Counsel- None

## County Administrator's Report

### Fuel Bid Results

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris O'Neal presented the results of the fuel bids. The contract will be for a year, beginning March 1, 2021. Two bids were received.

A-V Energy, Dodge City, KS- E-10 Unleaded-60,000 gallons \$2.2101; #2 Dyed Diesel 40,000 gallons \$2.1104; #2 Clear Diesel 40,000 gallons \$2.3664; #1 Diesel Price of #2 Diesel + difference in rack price of #1 & #2 diesel at the time of order

Nusser Fuels, Jetmore, KS- E-10 Unleaded 60,000 gallons \$2.19; #2 Dyed Diesel 40,000 gallons \$2.01; #2 Clear Diesel 40,000 gallons \$2.27; #1 Diesel \$2.36 Dyed/\$2.62 Clear.

#1 Diesel is for Blending in Winter Months

#2 + Difference = The price of #2 fuel (Dyed or Clear) plus the difference in price of #1 that day at the Rack

The \$0.0250 per gallon price is an additive, not what was specified, asked for a #1 blend.

Mr. O'Neal has recommended accepting the bid from Nusser Fuels.

Commissioner Boys moved to accept the 2021 Fuel Bid from Nusser Fuels. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs gave a recap of Kirkham Michaels's activities for the month. KDOT Passing Lane Projects in Ford County- KDOT proposed for state fiscal year 2023 bid, constructions late 2024. General location descriptions are for 2 passing lanes. One on US-50, starting at the end of the concrete pavement northeast of Dodge City to 1.4 miles east of 126 Road near Spearville. The second one on US-50, starting 1.4 miles east of 126 Road, then east 2.18 miles east of Spearville.

US Highway 50 expansion west of Dodge City- KDOT anticipates bidding construction December 2021 with construction to occur in 2022 and 2023.

Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road-Kirkham Michael is working on a drainage analysis to develop concepts for a drainage structure at the low point in the road profile. Iron Star Wind Farm w /Engi- Kirkham Michael's liaison, Brian Fry, continues to provide daily observation of wind farm activities and addressing county road issues.

Grainbelt Express Power Line-Developer has advised that they have pushed off the proposed start of construction from early 2022 to early 2023, with completion by end of 2025. This would be regarding the entire project from Ford County to Indiana.

New Business: KDOT Cost Share applications open March 1. Would the commission want to submit 102 Road Reclamation between US-50 and Garnett for 2022 construction? KDOT advised they will have \$25 million this cycle, so there is a good chance for selection. Could be 60/40.

Consensus was to apply for the Cost Share for 102 Road Reclamation between US-50 and Garnet.

### **Ford County Engineer: Jewell Road Reclamation / Phase 2/ Bid Results**

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented the bids for the Jewell Road Reclamation project from 123 Road to 126 Road. One bid was received. Bid came in under the County Engineer Estimate of \$1,474,700.00

APAC- Total bid was \$1,160,205.33, for extra 3 miles.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the bid from APAC for \$1,160,205.33 as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Mobile Device Stipend: Expo Event Lead Position**

Western State Bank Expo Center Director Danielle Crouch asked for a \$40.00 mobile device stipend for the Expo Event Lead position. This person has more responsibilities and take care of scheduling events.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the \$40.00 mobile device stipend for the Expo event lead position. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Human Resources: Kansas Association of Counties Service Awards**

Kansas Association of Counties Service Awards were handed out to County Employees for years of service. 44 years- Richard Gier; 32 years- Christina Taylor, Kelly Nichols; 24 years-Norma Settlemyer, Heather Palmer, Michael Burns, Brenda Pogue, Patrick Klecker; 16 years-Cameron Skeen; 8 years- Danielle Crouch, Chris Boys, Ian Deges, Christian Messerly, Scott Messino, Morris Jones, Loren Ashlock, Teghan Stein, Allyson Staab, Dewayne Iford, Bryce Stein, Brett Halling, Lee Bogner, Martin Sanchez, Shelley Correll, Erin Bower.

Commissioners thanked the employees for their work.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Dodge City Chamber Annual Meeting & Banquet: March 6, 2021, Boot Hill Casino and Conference Center- 4100 W Comanche

2021 NACO Virtual Legislative Conference: March 8-26, 2021

3i Show: March 18-20 @ Western State Bank Expo Center, 11333 U.S. Highway 283 Dodge City, KS 67801

### **Executive Session: Information Technology / Security Measures**

Chairman Tasset moved the Board recess into executive session for 20 minutes, to discuss Information Technology (IT) matters for the Government Center and the Sheriff's offices pursuant to the matters relating to security measures exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (12).

The open meeting to resume in this location at 4:40 p.m. In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, IT Director, County Counselor and Sheriff should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Board returned to regular session at 4:40 p.m.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve bid to upgrade security measures as recommended by IT Director Marti Bremer, not to exceed \$400,000.00. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. pm. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FORD COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debbie Cox, County Clerk