

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF May 3, 2021
MEETING NUMBER 2021-13
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2:15 P.M.



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

Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. He announced no action would be taken.

Budget: Ford County Fair Assoc.

Budget: Ford County Council on Aging (FCCA)

Budget: Dodge City Festivals

Budget: Dodge City Main Street

Budget: REWA

Budget: DC/Ford Co Economic Development

Budget: Dodge City Fireworks Committee

Budget: Compass Behavioral Health

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF May 3, 2021
MEETING NUMBER 2021-16
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 (Absent)

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Rev. Kirk Larson, Grace Community Church led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting: 2021- 12; 2021-13; 2021-14

Credit Card Statement: April

Approve Additions and Abatements: 2020 PP \$63.70; 2020 W/C \$18.62

Proclamation: National Travel and Tourism Week

Proclamation: National Train Day

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented, including the Proclamations of National Travel and Tourism Week: May 2-8, 2021 and National Train Day, May 8, 2021.

Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$277,372.98

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the claims for payment as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Open Public Comment

Chris Smith from McCaustland #2 inquired about the status of the CUP for American Diesel. Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs stated that he would bring documentation to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business - None

Legal Counsel- None

County Administrator's Report

Riverbed Clean-Up Sponsorship

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator discussed the Riverbed clean-up and sponsorship from the County. This event will take place on May 8 and 9th 2021. He is asking for the county to waive the tipping fees at the landfill for the Riverbed clean up event. The City of Dodge is providing the roll off dumpsters.

Chairman Tasset moved to waive the tipping fees for the riverbed clean up on May 8 & 9, 2021. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs gave an update on projects he has been working on. OS Bridge 31 Reconstruction and Roadway Re-Alignment (Duck Creek on 114 Road north of Garnett) - Ford County will acquire the needed right of way in 2021. Construction of the bridge is proposed to bid in 2021.

Paved Road reclamation (Jewell Road) – Two bids were awarded to APAC by Ford County to reclaim 8 miles, 118 Road to 126 Road. APAC is tentatively planning to start around June 1.

Kirkham Michael will coordinate a pre-construction conference with APAC in May. Closure of Jewell Road will be required during construction.

Iron Star Wind Farm w/Engie - Kirkham Michael's liaison, Brian Fry, continues to provide daily observation of wind farm activities and addressing county road issues. The contractor has indicated that delivery and erection of wind tower components should start in early April. They plan to start construction in 20-60 days. Road Use Maintenance Agreement with ITC is being worked on.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra, south of Wright – No CUP has been done yet.

Grainbelt Express Power Line - Invenergy sent a Road Use and Maintenance agreement to the county for review. Mr. Halbgewachs has provided a modified agreement for the county review on March 11, 2020. 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 entire project from Ford County to Indiana.

KDOT Cost Share funding Application – Kirkham Michael submitted a funding application to reclaim 102 Road from US-50 (Howell), north to Garnett on April 9. KDOT intends to announce award projects the first half of May.

Jon presented for approval the ADDENDUM 1 of the Road Maintenance Agreement for the Saddle Rd Switchyard Substation Road Maintenance Agreement. This has been reviewed by Legal Counsel and signed by ITC Great Plains, LLC.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the ADDENDUM 1 of the Road Maintenance Agreement for the Saddle Rd Switchyard Substation Road Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented the Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections report. Federal regulations require all structures with span length greater than 20' (bridges) have a routine inspection, at least once, every two years. In Kansas, inspection of bridges on local roads are the responsibility of the Local Public Authority (Ford County, in this case). Kirkham Michael completed the 2021 biennial routine bridge inspections for Ford County.

Lewis Drainage District: Petition for Dissolution

Ford County Clerk, Debbie Cox present a valid petition to dissolve the Lewis Drainage District. Linda Rankin and Beulah Schriener with the Lewis Drainage District Board stated they are asking for the dissolution of the Drainage District.

Chairman Tasset moved to hold the public hearing for the dissolution of the Lewis Drainage District on May 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the Ford County Commissioner Chambers. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Fair

Jake Ring, with the Ford County Fair Board, discussed what the direction the county would like to go with the Fair grounds. The current building needs repair. Chairman Tasset would like to have them work with the County Administrator to see what they would need to move to the Expo Center for the next meeting.

310 Gunsmoke: Service Master

Don Larman Buildings and Grounds Supervisor presented for approval an invoice from Service Master for \$25,920.52 for cleanup and repair for the water damage at 310 Gunsmoke.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the invoice from Service Master, in the amount of \$25, 920.52. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Sheriff: Bid Results/ PPV x 3

Caption Hunter presented the bids for 3 PPV SUV's. Five bids were received.

Allan Samuels: 2021 Dodge Durango V-8 AWD \$33,418 each, with a total price of \$100,254.00

Lopp Motors, Inc was not able to bid, due to ordering already being closed.

Newberry Family Auto: 2021 Dodge Durango V-8 AWD \$36,985 each, with a total price of \$110,955.

Davis-Moore Automotive: 2021 Dodge Durango V-8 AWD \$34,969.50 each, with a total price of \$104,908.50

TCS: 2021 Chevy Tahoe PPV V-8 4x4 \$38,500 each, with a total price of \$115,500.

The Ford County Sheriff's Office recommends going with the bid from TCS for the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe's.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the bid from TCS for three, 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Maintenance: Stipend Request

Maintenance Supervisor, Don Larman is requesting a \$40.00 stipend for his foreman position. This is a new position created and the employee is required to be accessible at various locations through-out the day.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the request for \$40.00 stipend for foreman position. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

May 19, 2021 at 8:45 am: Special budget Work Session/ County Department Heads
Open Enrollment for Benefits: Online – Month of May; in person- May 24th and 25th, 2021 Expo Center

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk