

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF May 17, 2021
MEETING NUMBER 2021-17
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1:45 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

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Victory Electric: Winter Weather Event
Budget: Arrowhead West
Budget: Friendship Feast
Budget: Ford County Extension Council
Budget: Ford County Historical Society
Budget: Ford County Conservation District
Budget: CASA- Children Worth Saving, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 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 17, 2021
MEETING NUMBER 2021-18
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

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chris Boys, Commissioner

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.

Public Hearing

Resolution: Lewis Drainage District

Chairman Tasset opened the Public Hearing for the dissolution of the Lewis Drainage District. There were no public comments either oral or written.

Chairman Tasset moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Tasset moved to adopt Resolution 2021-11 A Resolution Pursuant to K.S.A. 24-139 For Dissolution of the Lewis Addition Drainage District of Ford County, Kansas. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting: 2021- 15; 2021-16

Fireworks License: Wholesale Fireworks Enterprises, LLC x 2

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$274,989.93

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

Open Public Comment

Danielle Crouch, Manager of the Western State Expo Center, invited everyone to the Ribbon Cutting Friday May 21, 2021 from 11-1.

Commissioner Snook spoke on behalf of James Lane. Mr. Lane wanted the Register of Deeds, Brenda Pogue and Karen Stanton-Roth publicly thanked for their help when he had a problem with a deed of his.

Unfinished Business

Ford County Fair: 2021-16 Follow-Up

Troy Robertson and Curtis Williams, members of the Fair Board, reported they are still trying to get cost estimates needed for relocating the Ford County Fair to the Western State Bank Expo Center.

Chairman Tasset moved to table to the June 21, 2021 meeting, to allow them time to gather the requested information. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Legal Counsel

Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement for Iron Star Wind Project

Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Iron Star Wind Project. This agreement has been approved and signed by Iron Star.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Iron Star Wind Project. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Administrator's Report

Resolution: County Appraiser

Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs and County Appraiser, Patti Israel presented Resolution No. 2021-12, Appointing Patricia Israel County Appraiser in Accordance with K.S.A. 19-430. The County Commission is responsible for appointing a County Appraiser every four years.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-12 A Resolution appointing Patricia Israel as County Appraiser in Accordance with K.S.A. 19-430 with term ending June 30, 2025. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Boys voted No.

Compass Behavioral Health: 2021-2022 Emergency Solutions Grant

Executive Director Lisa Southern with Compass Behavioral Health is asking for renewal of their request for dollars to help with housing in Ford County. This money will come from Kansas Emergency Solutions Care Act, ESG. There are no County dollars attached to this and nothing is required of Ford County other than to sign the 2021-2022 Emergency Solutions Grant.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve signing the 2021-2022 Emergency Solutions Grant, as presented by Compass Behavioral Health. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Crisis Center and Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas: Emergency Shelter Grant Program Service Agreements

Tammie West, Executive Director of the Crisis Center and Deborah Snapp, Executive Director of SW KS Catholic Charities presented for signature the Emergency Service Grant Program. This is a pass through grant; there are no County dollars attached to this. This is done every year.

Commissioner Boys moved to sign the Emergency Shelter Grant Program Service Agreement for Crisis Center and Catholic Charities. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Kirkham Michael: Comprehensive Traffic Impact Study

C.W. Harper representing Kirkham Michael presented a professional traffic engineering services agreement. This study will include analysis of traffic on US-283 and Outlaw Road, Junction US-283 and US-56/400 and US 56/283/400 and 112 Road. Proposed is to record 24- hour traffic counts at the US-283 and US56/283/400 junction and then from 6 am to 7 pm at the other two intersections between Tuesday and Thursday. After much discussion, it was stated the need for a 24-hour study done on all three days.

Chairman Tasset moved for the County Administrator to coordinate with Kirkham Michael's Senior VP, Jon Halbgewachs for an update for the cost analysis on the amended traffic study, as requested. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning and Zoning: Board Vacancy

Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake presented two applications for the vacancy on the Zoning board. Applications were received from Jean Zortman and Angel Romero Jr.

Commissioner Snook moved to appoint Angel Romero Jr to the Zoning Board. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Kansas County Commissioners Assoc.: Annual Conference June 8-10, 2021 at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal, KS 67901

Ford County Fair: June 13-19, 2021

Ribbon Cutting at Western State Bank Expo Center: Friday May 21, 2021 11 am to 1 pm

Executive Session

Consult with the County Counselor Concerning Matters Deemed Privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship

Chairman Tasset moved the board recess into executive session for 15 minutes, to discuss a zoning issue pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting to resume in this location at 4:35 p.m.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, the County Counselor, Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board returned to regular session, Chairman Tasset stated no action taken.

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk