

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 16, 2021  
MEETING NUMBER 2021-28  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
2:00 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.

**Commission Discussion on Items of Interest & Concerns**

**Chairman Tasset**

**Voter Integrity Issues**

**Dominion Machines**

**Voter ID**

**Constitutional County Resolution**

**Commissioner Boys**

**Healthcare**

**Ford County Lake Improvements**

**Township Roads / Materials**

**County Engineer Services**

**Mask Mandates**

**Future Lock downs**

**Air Quality Issues**

**Water Quality Issues**

**Climate Issues**

**Ford Shortage, projected by the Federal Government**

**Domestic Violent Extremists**

**Commissioner Snook**

**Bucklin Grocery Store/ Financing Availability**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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

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Shawn Tasset, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Debbie Cox, County Clerk

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2021**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2021-29**  
**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. Dr. Shawn Fletcher led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes Meetings: 2021-27

CMB License: Rancho El Nopalito / Noe Ochoa

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

**Approval of Claims for Payment: \$1,782,661.14**

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

**Open Public Comment - None**

**Unfinished Business - None**

**Legal Counsel - None**

**County Administrator's Report**

**Ford County Historical Society: Update**

Kent Stehlik, President of the Ford County Historical Society, Inc. and Sonya Hughes Treasurer of the Ford County Historical Society, gave an update on the Home of Stone renovations that were done. Thanks to Jon and Sylvia Cronin for their work. Home of Stone will be staying open past

Labor Day. Have talked to Fidelity State Bank about using their drive through when they are not open, to put an entrance on the west side of the building, in order to bring in large items. Now have a contract with Fidelity State Bank, that will need to be signed by the County and everyone involved. Contract was handed to Mr. Glenn Kerbs, Ford County Legal Counsel for review. Car show in the Legacy Center will extend past Labor Day.

Working on getting Fort Dodge on the Historical Register, so building can be restored.

The Legacy Center needs to have a sprinkler system installed to meet the fire codes, and redo the lighting. Ms. Hughes asked the county to consider the organization for windfarm money, as they will need an annual income for operations. They would like the County to apply for Sales Tax Revenue (STAR) Bonds on their behalf, the same as the City does for Boothill. They are thinking of producing a coin to sell.

### **KDOT: Project Update**

Ford County Road and Bridge Superintendent; Chris O'Neal gave an update on the KDOT response regarding the closing of 128 and 129 roads for the passing lane project on HWY 50. Also, KDOT will be able to use funds to install signal arms at the Garnett Co. Rd. intersection. If all parties are agreeable, it will need to be finalized under a different agreement than KA-5780-01. O'Neal spoke to Norbert Linnebur with Spearville Township. Mr Linnebur will speak to the Township board and the local citizens. Mr. Linnebur felt that closing 128 would be better because it is a cattle crossing. Chairman Tasset asked if there was a way to help them determine traffic usage on the roads. O'Neal said he would place his traffic counter there. Spearville Township has to be involved with this closing.

### **Sheriff's Office: Bid Results / Detention Van**

Undersheriff Dale Coleman presented the one bid that was received for the rebid of the Detention Vans. There was a bid received the day after the bid opening that was not opened. The bid received was the same bid from TCS they turned in for the first bid request on July 15, 2021. Recommendation is to reject all bids.

Commissioner Boys moved to reject all bids. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

### **Motion carried 3-0.**

Undersheriff Coleman asked the commission to allow the Sheriff and the Sheriff office to look for inventory vans available. They would then present to the Commission what they found for board approval. Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs stated we have tried twice requesting bids so this would equate to a special purchasing need.

Chairman Tasset moved to authorize the Sheriff's department to shop for quotes on the vans they need. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Joint Commission Meeting: August 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm at City Commission Chambers  
Kansas Emergency Management Association, KEMA: Annual Training Conference September 15-17, 2021 Kansas Star Event Center, Mulvane  
CFAB: 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2021, City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Commissioner Snook 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