

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES  
JOINT CITY/COUNTY**

**August 23, 2021**

**MEETING NUMBER 2021-30**

**City of Dodge City Commission Chambers**

**6:30 p.m.**



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The Board of County Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the City of Dodge City Commission in the City Commission Chambers on August 23, 2021

City Mayor Rick Sowers called the meeting to order.  
County Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order.

Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman  
Chris Boys, Commissioner (Absent)  
Ken W Snook Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator  
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

City Commissioners present were Mayor Rick Sowers, Commissioner Brian Delzeit, Commissioner Blanca Ilean Soto Commissioner Kent Smoll and Commissioner Joseph Nuci.

**New Business**

**Ford County Commission Approval of Letters of Support for City Dodge City, Applications for EDA Grants**

Dodge City Assistant City Manager Melissa McCoy presented letters of support for the County Commission to sign. The City of Dodge City is submitting applications for the Economic Development Administration grant to help fund the downtown Streetscape project and the South Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion. They will be asking for two million dollars for each grant. This grant money is from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Travel, Tourism, Outdoor Recreation Tourism Grant.

The second comes from the APRA Economic Adjustment Assistance program.  
Would like to have letters of support from the County Commission to send with the applications.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve signing the letters of support for the City of Dodge City.  
Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Discussion of 2022 “WHY NOT DODGE” Sales Tax Budget**

Nicole May, Dodge City Finance Director discussed budget for the Waterpark. Ms. May presented three versions of the proposed budget for 2022 for the Waterpark. The contract for Stangaard will expire September 6, 2021. The City plans to take over the operations of the Waterpark.

The City Commissioners and the County Commissioners agreed, version 3 of the Waterpark 2022 proposed budget would be the one to use. This would allow hiring a manager, part time assistant manager, and maintenance worker. The Maintenance worker would be shared with the Parks Department through the year.

Much discussion was held on the need to fund the Sales Tax Fund- Depreciation and Replacement, to be able to do the up keep of the buildings that were built with the Sales Tax Fund. Commissioner Smoll stated the City and County could give up the funds they receive. The City receives \$250,000 for the Depot; the County receives \$300,000 for the Expo Center. That money could be put in the Sales Tax Fund- Depreciation and Replacement, to build back the fund so there will be money to do up keep.

Chairman Tasset would like Commissioner Boys to be able to have input on this. Chairman Tasset will have this on the next commission meeting to talk to the County Commissioners about this.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Sowers moved to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Commissioner Smoll seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 2-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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

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**Shawn Tasset, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Cox, County Clerk**