

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2021-32**  
**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: 2021-28; 2021-29; 2021-30 Joint

Credit Card Statement: August 2021

KDHE-Kansas WIC Local Agency Contract

School Health Nursing Services Contract with USD No. 381

Commissioner Boys commented that he does not agree with section 4.4 in the KDHE - WIC contract: No child should be prohibited from receiving services because they are not up to date on immunizations. Chairman Tasset agreed. Angela Sowers Ford County Health Director stated no one in Ford County is turned away for benefit services. The department to report if a child comes in with little or no immunization history. People are then given the information \ they may need to obtain help and who will also provide catch-up guidelines..

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

### **Approval of Claims for Payment: \$1,759,120.53**

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

### **Open Public Comment - None**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Ford County Engineer: Agreement / 127 Road Low Water Crossing**

This was tabled from the 2021-27 meeting to allow the Commission to view the location.

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs presented the engineering agreement with Kirkham Michael for developing construction plans for a Low Water Crossing on 127 Road south of Kettle Road.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the engineering agreement with Kirkham Michael for developing construction plans for a Low Water Crossing on 127 Road south of Kettle Road. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted No.

### **Legal Counsel**

#### **Ford County Historical Society: 310 Gunsmoke / Agreement with Fidelity**

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented the Emergency Access Easement and Agreements, and the License Agreement with the board between Ford County Historical Society and Fidelity State Bank.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Emergency Access Easement and Agreements and the License Agreement between Ford County Historical Society and Fidelity State Bank, as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **County Administrator's Report**

#### **Ford County Engineer: Report**

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs gave an update on projects: Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road – Working on preliminary plans for a low water crossing drainage structure at the low point in the road profile. Anticipate having preliminary Field Check plans for October visit. Iron Star Wind Farm w/Engie – Continue to have an on-site liaison out every day. Tower sections have been delivered and installed. Contactors having delays in getting blades. Kirkham Michael recommended the wind farm place additional gravel and reshape the crown in the roads. The wind farm has offered a \$185,000 cash settlement with Spearville Township. Township will accept this and redo the roads themselves.

ITC Saddle Switch Yard – They have finished hauling fill dirt from the south. Kirkham Michael has reviewed the condition of 117 Road and instructed ITC to place 250 tons of sand gravel to restore to the condition it was in peevishly. This has not been done yet. Will continue to monitor. Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright- NextEra has indicated they will seek to get with the County for preliminary evaluation of potential haul routes.

Grainbelt Express Power Line- No update at this time.

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

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study- Kirkham Michael has completed the preliminary Traffic Impact Study report and shared it with Dodge City and KDOT. Both have provided comments. Awaiting some additional data from Hilmar Cheese before providing a revised report which will include schematic drawings of proposed highway improvements.

Paved Road Reclamation (Jewell Road) – The full-depth reclamation and asphalt surfacing has been completed. APAC has been instructed to diamond grind three areas to improve smoothness of the ride.

Will discuss bringing an engineering proposal to the October meeting for developing construction documents for the 102 Road and 113 Road reclamation projects with the intent that 102 Road would get constructed in 2022. Plan to re-submit the 102 Road reclamation to the KDOT Cost Share program. Applications are due September 25, 2021. Will re-submit at County share at 60 KDOT 40 this time.

New Business: Danielle Crouch, Western State Bank Expo Manager has expressed concern with the trucks hauling wind tower components, parking and blocking the entrance to the Western State Bank Expo. Checked with Iron Star Wind and they advised that the trucks was not hauling for their project. Have referred the matter to Sheriff Carr and the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Carr stated they are writing tickets to the drivers.

### **Landfill: Bid Results / Loader**

Landfill Director Paul Resley presented the bids he received. 2 bids were received.

Murphy Tractor & Equipment - 2022 John Deere 824L Wheel Loader with Solid Tires 7.25 YD Bucket, Total \$311,187.12.

Foley Equipment - Caterpillar Model 972M-BR Wheel Loader 2022, Total \$399,453.00.

Recommendation is for the 2022 John Deere 824L for \$311,187.12

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the bid from Murphy Tractor for \$311,187.12 as recommended. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Ford County Road & Bridge – Bid Results / Roadway Paint Striping**

Chris O'Neal Road and Bridge Superintendent presented the bid results for the paint striping bid request. One bid was received.

Straight – Line Striping Inc. Yellow paint supplied and applied will cost \$21.37 per gallon

White paint supplied and applied will cost \$21.37 per gallon

Per mile cost estimate \$1175 per mile

Recommended to approve bid from Straight – Line Striping Inc. We have used them before.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the bid from Straight – Line Striping Inc. as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried. 3-0.**

### **Communications: Edwards County Agreement**

Communications Director Elliot Linke, with Edwards County Sheriff, Bryant Kurth, presented for approval, the emergency communications service agreement between Ford County and Edwards County. This agreement is for 5 years, 9/2021 to 9/2026 for \$30,000 annually. The purpose of this agreement is for Ford County to operate, maintain and provide a centralized emergency communications service for Edwards County. The communication systems services shall provide for coordinated communication between all law enforcement agencies, ambulances, ambulance

services and dispatchers, emergency receiving centers, fire dispatcher services and such other persons and service agencies as may be required. Sheriff Kurth thanked the commission for this service.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the emergency communications service agreement between Ford County and Edwards County. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Fire & EMS: Fire Station 1 / HVAC Replacement**

Ford County Maintenance Director Don Larman requested approval to go for bids, to replace 2 Carrier HVAC rooftop units at Fire Station 1. The cost will be up to \$16,000.00 and is in the 2021 budget line 001-107-5838.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the Maintenance Director to go for bids for replacement of 2 Carrier HVAC rooftop units at Fire Station 1. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Sheriff's Office: Detention Van / Discussion and Purchases**

Undersheriff Dale Coleman presented for approval the purchase of 2) 2020 Dodge Grand Caravans from Lewis Chevrolet of Dodge City. Total price \$62,425.00.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the purchase of 2) 2020 Dodge Grand Caravans from Lewis Chevrolet of Dodge City for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **SFTCC Budget Clarification: Request to Create Additional Position**

SFTCC Director Patrick Klecker and Deputy Director Sonja Channel are asking for \$54,337.00, to hire an additional position.

Chairman Tasset moved to table this item to next meeting, for clarification of where the money will be drawn to cover the created position. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Kansas Association of Counties: - Voting Delegate & Alternate's**

Every year, the commission must choose a voting delegate and 2 alternates for the KAC meeting. Last year's delegates are as follows. Voting Delegate - Shawn Tasset, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate – Jonathan Gilbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate - Brenda Pogue.

Commissioner Boys moved to keep the same people for this year's voting delegate and alternates to KAC. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Kansas County Association Multiline Pool – Voting Delegate & Alternate**

The KCAMP annual meeting will be held Monday, October 18, 2021, in Overland Park, Kansas. In accordance with the Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, the voting delegate and alternate must be appointed for a period of not less than one year. The voting delegate and alternate from last year are as follow:

Voting Delegate – Shawn Tasset, Alternate Voting Delegate – Brenda Pogue.

Commissioner Boys moved to keep the same voting delegate and alternate for this year to KCAMP. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) - Annual Trustee Nominations**

KWORCC is holding the annual trustee nominations. The following KWORCC Trustees are seeking re-election to the KWORCC Board of Trustees: Rob Roberts, Miami County Commissioner, Southeast District, Gary Caspers, Cloud County Commissioner, North Central District: Wayne Wilt, Cowley County Commissioner, South Central District and Stan McEvoy, Decatur County Commissioner, Northwest District.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve nominating all that are seeking re-election to the KWORCC Board of Trustees, Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Election Office: Canvass Date for 2021 General Election**

Debbie Cox Ford County Clerk/ Election Officer is asking to set the date for the Canvass of votes for the November 2, 2021, General Election. This should be set between 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Ms. Cox is recommending November 8, 2021 at 8:30 am.

Chairman Tasset motion to approve November 8, 2021 at 8:30 am for the Canvass of votes for the November 2, 2021, General Election. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

CFAB: 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2021, City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall

KDOT / Bi-annual Local Consult: October 5, 2021 9:30 am- 12:30 pm. Boothill Casino

International City / county Management Association; (IMA) Annual Conference: October 30-31, 2021 Portland / Multnomah County, Oregon

The League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference: October 9-11, 2021 Topeka

Kansas Association of Counties; KAC Annual Conference: October 18-20, 2021- Sheraton Hotel & Overland Park Convention Center

KWORCC Annual Meeting: October 18, 2021 Cottonwood Room, Sheraton Convention Center @ 5:30 pm.

KCAMP Annual Meeting: October 18, 2021 Cottonwood Room, 9am, Sheraton Convention Center @ 6:00 pm.

KNRC: Webinar on the Prairie Chicken October 21, 2021, 10:00 to 11:15 am.

**Executive Session: Preliminary Discussion Concerning Acquisition of Real Property**

Chairman Tasset moved the board recess into executive session to begin at 5:00 pm. to discuss the acquisition of real property pursuant to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6). The open meeting to resume in this location at 5:15 pm.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, County Counselor, and Nick Hernandez City Administrator, should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 5:15 pm. No Action taken.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 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