

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2021
MEETING NUMBER 2021-35
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. Pastor Jay Morford, Oasis Church led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meetings: 2021-33; 2021-34

Credit Card Statement: September

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$1,519,232.62

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

Open Public Comment

Chairman Tasset thanked the 4H youth for the cookies and candy they brought in. It is 4H week.

Unfinished Business-None

Legal Counsel- None

County Administrator's Report

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the board on projects he has been working on since the last meeting.

Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road – Preliminary field check plans are ready for the Field check to occur. Will meet with the township at the November township meeting. ITC Saddle Switch Yard- Kirkham Michael has completed the post- construction haul route evaluation and found no deficiencies. Will continue to monitor. Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright – NextEra has contacted county officials, expressing the intention to negotiate agreements this fall for 2022 construction. They have a meeting with the Zoning board in November. Grainbelt Express Power Line – 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. US Highway 50 expansion west of Dodge City - Relocation of utilities is in progress, KDOT anticipates bidding construction December 2021 with construction to occur in 2022 and 2023. The 102 Road reclamation was submitted to the KDOT Cost Share program with the county paying 60% of construction, KDOT 40%. KDOT anticipates announcing selected projects in November. Will apply for KDOT funding they have now for replacement of Off System 97 bridge. It is located on 133 Road. This bridge was built in 1930. KDOT would provide up to \$150,000, with the county putting up the rest, estimate of \$400,000 for the county's share. The county could do the demolition and dirt work.

Ford County Engineer: 102 Road Reclamation Preliminary Engineering Agreement

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval the 102 Road Reclamation Preliminary Engineering Agreement. This agreement is for Kirkham Michael to provide field topo survey, develop construction plans, and to assist the county with bidding services to procure a construction contractor to reclaim the existing asphalt pavement into a cement-stabilized base, then place a new hot-mix asphalt surface. The project location is on 102 Road, from US-50 north of Howell, north 3 miles to Garnett Road. The plan is to bid the project this winter, for summer 2022 construction.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 102 Rad Reclamation Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Engineer: 113 Road Reclamation Preliminary Engineering Agreement

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval the 113 Road Reclamation Preliminary Engineering Agreement. This agreement is for Kirkham Michael to provide field topo survey, develop construction plans, and to assist the county with bidding services to procure a construction contractor to reclaim the existing asphalt pavement into a cement-stabilized base, then place a new hot-mix asphalt surface. The project location is on 113 Road (Old Landfill Road), from E. Wyatt Earp, north 2 miles to US-50. The plan is to bid the project during winter 2022, for summer 2023 construction.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 113 Road Reclamation Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Road and Bridge: State of Kansas / Agreement No. 277-21

Chris O'Neal, Superintendent of Road and Bridge presented for approval an agreement with the State of Kansas to perform an underwater inspection on the bridge located on 124 Road, between Jewell and Kettle roads. Legal Council has reviewed the agreement.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the bridge inspection master agreement with the State of Kansas, as recommended by Chris O'Neal. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Bid Results: Station 1 / HVAC

Ford County Fire Chief Rob Boyd presented the bids that were received for the HVAC at station 1. 2 bids were received.

Weber Refrigeration \$15,950

Foster Frigeration LLC \$18,300.00

Bid requirement was to complete project in 30 days from bid. Weber had in their proposal, at this time there are two units available, however, inventory is very volatile.

Fire Chief Boyd phoned both businesses, prior to the board meeting. Weber could not confirm they had 2 units in stock nor that they could complete the project in 30 days. Foster Frigeration confirmed on both points.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the bid from Weber's. If they cannot complete, within 30 days, Foster would win the bid. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

County Administrator Gilbert recommended approving one. If they did not meet the requirements, the board would have to readdress the issue and could then reappoint the other for the project.

Commissioner Boys rescinded his motion.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the bid from Weber's. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the bid from Foster for \$18,300.00 Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Boys voted no.

Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board

Last year, Sheriff Bill Carr was appointed to the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board. He is requesting Undersheriff Dale Coleman to be appointed as his alternate.

Chairman Tasset moved to appoint Undersheriff Dale Coleman as Sheriff Bill Carr's alternate representative on the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Office Vehicle Purchase

Sheriff Bill Carr asked for permission to purchase a pickup. This pickup was purchased by another county. Once it was in, they did not want.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve Sheriff Carr purchase of a pickup. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Kansas Legislative Policy Group: Annual Dues

KLPG presented the annual membership dues for payment for \$4,351.76. Chairman Tasset moved to approve the annual dues for KLPG for \$4,351.76. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Meetings

KDOT / Bi-annual Local Consult: Virtual Option on October 5, 2021 9:30 am- 12:30 pm.

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, Sheraton Convention Center @ 6:00 pm.

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

CEDBR: 2021 Dodge City Economic Outlook Conference: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Friday, October 22, 2021 @ United Wireless Arena- 4100 West Comanche Street, Dodge City, KS

Next BOCC Meeting Date: October 25, 2021 @ 3:30 pm. with the road viewing of 108 Road between Garnet and Horseshoe at 2:00 pm October 25, 2021

General Election Information: In office, voting begins October 14, 2021. Two evenings for voting are October 26 and October 28, with voting hours from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Saturday voting on October 30, 2021, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 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