

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021
MEETING NUMBER 2021-38
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2:30 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.

**Emergency Access to Airport
Ford County Election Officer
Ford County Historical Society: Update**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021
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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 Kirk Larson, Grace Community Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda - None

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$369,408.93

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the claims for payment as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Open Public Comment

County Administrator J.D. Gilbert thanked the Maintenance staff for the work they are doing on the Administration offices. All the work is being done in house. He invited everyone to come and see the changes.

Chairman Tasset thanked the commission for taking care of the last couple meetings as he was under the weather.

Unfinished Business-None

Legal Counsel- None

County Administrator's Report

Community Facilities Advisory Board: 'Why Not Dodge' 2022 Sales Tax Budget

Nicole May, Dodge City Finance Director reviewed the 2022 'Why Not Dodge' Budget, as discussed by the Community Facilities Advisory Board, at the September 28, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the 'Why Not Dodge' 2022 Sales Tax Budget, as presented. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Report

County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the board on current projects.

Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road-Preliminary field check plans are ready for a field check as soon as we can get a date set with Enterprise Township.

Iron Star Wind Farm w/Engie- Iron Star anticipates having all of the heavy cranes removed from the project by the end of November. Finish work will continue through December.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright- NextEra has contacted county officials, expressing the intention to negotiate agreements. Their development plans states the intent to complete construction by end of 2023.

Grainbelt Express Power Line-The 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 taking contractor bids December 2021 with construction to occur in 2022 and 2023.

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study-Kirkham Michael is working to finalize the Traffic Impact Study report for submittal to KDOT for approval. We need Hilmar's site drainage plan to attach to the traffic study report. A conference call has been set for the afternoon of November 2, between KDOT, Ford County, and Dodge City to discuss moving forward with design and construction of roadway improvements. KDOT advised that it is their intention to fund 80% of the highway and township road improvements.

Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads- Preliminary design is underway.

Paved Road Reclamation 102 and 113 Roads- Field survey has been completed and design will begin on the 102 Road project in the near future with the intent to bid the 102 Road project in the first quarter of 2022 for construction in 2022.

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.

The County Engineer plans to attend the Township meeting November 3.

Arrowhead West: Letter of Support

Arrowhead West, Inc. is requesting a Letter of Support from Ford County for U.S.C. 49-5310 funds to be provided through the Kansas Department of Transportation for SFY 2023. This program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides formula funding to states for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the letter of support for Arrowhead West. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Election Officer

Ford County Election Officer Debbie Cox discussed the Audit that will be held November 5, 2021 in the Rose Room. This is open to the public. Chairman Tasset will draw on November 3, the two races and Precinct, or Precincts, which will be audited. The Canvass of votes will be held November 8, 2021 in the Commission Chambers; this is also open to the public.

Upcoming Meetings

General Election Information: Election is November 2, 2021 Polling locations are open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Annual Township Meeting-November 3, 2021, Registration starting at 10:30 Expo Center

Special Canvass Meeting: 11/8/2021 at 8:30 am. Commission Chambers

CFAB: November 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm, City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall

Kansas Association of City/County Management Annual Conference (KACM) 2021:

December 1-3, 2021 Atchison

Employee Appreciation Luncheon: December 9, 2021 Expo Center from 11 am. To 2:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk