

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-01
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:

Chris Boys, Chairman

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Pastor Albert Schrock, Bible Baptist Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Boys who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Boys moved to add to the agenda under #5 CFAB, the Stifel engagement agreement. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Consent Agenda

Cereal Malt Beverage License: Andrew Delatorre/ Rancho Santa Fe, LLC.

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: no claims

Open Public Comment

Commissioner Snook wished all employees a Happy New Year from the Snook family.

Unfinished Business - None

Legal Counsel - None

County Administrator's Report**Ford County Engineer: Report**

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs reported on projects he is working on.

US HWY 50 Expansion west of Dodge City to Cimarron – Asphalt paving has been shut down for the winter. Contractors will focus on earthwork, box culverts, and the Point of Rocks retaining wall. Hilmar Chees Plant traffic Impact Study - KDOT bid the 112/Outlaw Road pavement improvements and the US-56/US-283 roundabouts. One bid was received and it was over the estimate on both projects.

Off-System Bridge 97 replacement- one 134 Road south of Jewell Road, over Coon Creek – GSI was approved to provide to extract soil samples and provide a foundation design for the bridge. Kirkham Michael is working on preparing permit applications. We are aiming to bid this project in March 2023, along with the 127 Low water crossing.

Paved Road Resurfacing (102 and 113 Road) – Kirkham Michael is working on an engineering change order to extend the 113 Road 4-lane north to US-50, develop an alternate bid plan for concrete paving, and bid Jewell Road overlay through Wright as a separate project with the angle road as an add alternate.

Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021 – Meet with APAC, ask for a response by the end of the month. Cracks have been observed in the new asphalt pavement.

123 Road timber culvert replacement about ½ mile north of Jewell Road – Road and Bridge requested Kirkham Michael to submit permits to replace this failing structure. All permits have been approved for construction. Will be 1 to 2 weeks for delivery.

US-50 Access Road Maintenance Agreement with KDOR – This agreement was approved and returned to KDOT, KDOT will email a fully executed copy to the County Clerk

Iron Star Wind Farm / Engie - Requested the County Counselor to initiate closing the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright – NextEra will present their revised CUP to Ford County Planning and Zoning next month.

KDOT LS Local Bridge Improvement - funding applications were submitted to replace OS Bridges 50 and 120. Neither bridge was selected this round. We will try again in 2023.

OS 50 and OS 101 KLBIP bridge replacement designs. Field survey has been completed

Communications: Kansas 911 Coordinating Council / Annual Package

Communications Deputy Director Michael Brown presented for approval the annual Kansas 911 Coordinating Council Call Handling Base & Softphone package invoice for \$90,600.00.

This is for five consoles and the softphone package.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the 2023 Kansas 911 Coordinating Council Call Handling Base and Softphone package. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

EMS: Medic 2 Remount

Chief Boyd presented for approval from Osage Ambulance agreement for \$132,594.00. This will be a remount of the 2017 ambulance; 2024 Type III Osage Ambulance Remount of J2452 on a 2024 Ford E450, gas engine chassis.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the purchase agreement with Osage Ambulance Emergency Services Supply for the Medic 2 remount. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

US Alliance County Group Life Insurance Renewal

HR Director Pat Heeke presented for approval the US Alliance group life insurance to County employees. The 2023 group rates remain unchanged from fiscal year 2022.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the 2023 US Alliance Group Live Insurance policy, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

CFAB Organizational funding Recommendations

Assistant City Manager Melissa McCoy presented the CFAB's Organizational Funding recommendations for approval. She will take this on to the City Commission for their approval tonight. There were five grant applications for CFAB Organizational Funding totaling \$131,322.90. The amount of available funding is \$110,000.00. CFAB is recommending approval of the following: Dodge City Area Arts Council \$12,000.00; Dodge City Roundup \$43,945.00; Ford County Historical Society \$9055.00; Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame \$13,000.00; Young Guns Youth Rodeo \$32,000.00.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve CFAB's recommendations for 2023 Organizational Funding. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Stifel Consulting Services

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator presented Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Agreement. This agreement is for consulting services for Ford County relating to its distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This agreement is from 2023 and not later than December 31, 2024.

Chairman Boys moved to renew the agreement with Stifel, Nicholas & Company thru 2024. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Swearing –In Ceremony: January 9, 2023 at 9:00 am.

2nd Regular Board Meeting: January 17, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

SW KS Chambers: Night Out in Topeka: January 23, 2023, Hotel Topeka at City Center

Kansas Legislative Policy Group: 2023 Legislative Meeting: January 24th, Hotel Topeka at City Center.

Local Government Day: January 25, 2023 Topeka KS

Adjournment

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk