

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF May 1, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-18
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2:00 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
Chris Boys, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. He announced no action would be taken.

FY 2024 Budget Requests

Arrowhead West
Dodge City Festivals
Dodge City Fireworks Committee
Dodge City / Ford County Economic Development
Dodge City Main Street
Ford County Conservation District
Ford County Extension Council
Ford County Fair Association
Ford County Historical Society
Friendship Feast
REWA (Rural Education & Workforce Alliance)
Salvation Army

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 1, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-19
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
Chris Boys, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. He then led the group in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Tasset moved to amend the agenda. Under unfinished business, change it to a discussion not an action item. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Chairman Tasset moved to add to the administrator's report after #7, an entry for Fire/ EMS. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting: 2023- 16; 2023- 17
Credit Card Statement
Approval of Additions and Abatements: 2022 RP \$415.40: 2022 PP \$-156.06
Proclamation: National Train Day
Proclamation: National Travel & Tourism Week

Chairman Tasset read the Proclamations, declaring May 13, 2023 as National Train Day and May 7-13, 2023 as National Travel and Tourism Week.

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

Megan Welsh Director of Visitors Bureau thanked the commission for their support over the years. They are ninth out of the 105 counties in the state in the economic recovery after COVID pandemic.

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$639,501.46

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

Open Public Comment

Kent Stehlik and Connie Penick, of the Ford County Historical Society, thanked the Commission, Don Larman, and Amy Stoecker, for use of the lobby for the Landmark Bank Art project. This will be an annual thing going forward.

Mark Davidson, with Invenergy, spoke of the proposed changes to the Planning and Zoning regulations for windfarms and solar energy. Invenergy would like to be a part of the process. Does not feel they were given notice to be a part of that process to make changes.

Commissioner Boys stated the three commissioners have not talked about this before now. They want to have a fair process. Want to get ahead of things and update systems for modern standards. Mark Fischer, landowner, stated the landowners should have been notified about the meetings to make the changes as they should be a part of the change process.

Melissa Drake, Planning and Zoning Director produced the copy of the Notice that was in the Globe, March 4, for the meeting that was held March 27. This notice was published with the Day and Time of the meeting, as required.

Brice Barton, with 39 North, also requested a time to help polish the edges of the regulations and provide comment.

Unfinished Business**Planning, Zoning & Environmental Health: Ford County Zoning Regulations**

Director Melissa Drake requested this be tabled from 2023-17 meeting, to allow time for a few additional considerations. Melissa did give the Commissioners a copy of the notice which was published in the paper.

Chairman Tasset stated he was pleased to see everyone here. Property rights are a big thing and people should show up for things like this. Would like to know how to improve the notification process so everyone can get to those PZ/EH meetings in the future. This will be sent back to the Planning and Zoning Board to allow those present to voice their opinion. This is going to be the biggest solar farm in the state. We are looking to update regulations for this. We need to get it right. This will not affect existing projects in the county. Commissioner Boys stated, we have been through wind projects before but this is the first time for solar. We want to have the landowners in on this. We want the landowners to win on this. Commissioner Snook stated that anyone interested, can be added to an email notification list for the Planning and Zoning meetings, just like the County Commission meetings. They need to let Melissa know, give her their email information and, she will notify them.

Melissa clarified, this will go back to the Planning and Zoning Board for discussion so everyone can give their input on the regulations updates. The next meeting will be May 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Rose Room of the Government Center.

Melissa requested if anyone wants to be on the agenda, please, let her know their contact information she will email the agenda. Also, please let her know what questions you would like to have answered.

Legal Counsel – None

County Administrator’s Report

Cord County Engineer: Temporary Construction Easement

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs presented the 127 Road Low Water Crossing / Temporary Construction Easement for Chairman to sign.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve signing the 127 Road low water crossing temporary construction easement, as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ford County Engineer: Additional Services Authorization

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval, an authorization to add part-time engineering services during construction of the 127 Road Low Water Crossing. This would be added to the original design contract previously approved by the Ford County Commissioners. This is for a lump sum of \$12,000.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve adding the additional part-time engineering services during construction of the 127 Road Low Water Crossing, as requested. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ford County Engineer: Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs discussed the results of the Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections report.

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs reported on current projects he is working on in the county.

Paved Road Resurfacing (102 and 113 Road) – Kirkham Michael is routing contracts with the contractor. Will present an agreement for construction inspection services at the June meeting. Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021 – Would like permission to contact APAC, have APAC seal all cracks at APAC expense and for an extended warranty.

Chairman Tasset moved to have Jon Halbgewachs and Chris O’Neal contact APAC to seal all cracks at APAC expense and for an extended warranty. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

OS 50 (on 120 Road 3.1 miles north and 6.0 miles west of Spearville) and OS 101 (on 135 Road 1.0 miles north and 3.7 miles east of Windhorst) KLBIP bridge replacement designs. – Will resubmit both projects for KDOT Local Bridge Improvement Program funding due May 26.

Crisis Center: 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement

Executive Director Tammie West presented for approval the 2023 ESG Service agreement.

Commissioner Boys move to approve the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement for the Crisis Center, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Catholic Charities of SW Kansas: 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement

Executive Director Deborah J Snapp presented for approval the Catholic Charities of SW Kansas 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Catholic Charities of SW Kansas 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections: Request for Bids

Director Sonja Channell is requesting to go out for bids on a vehicle. This will replace a 10-year-old SUV.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections going out for bids on a vehicle, as requested. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fire / EMS

Fire Chief Rob Boyd received a change order from Osage Ambulance with increase of \$2,000. This is for the remount that went to bid earlier for a Ambulance.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the increase of \$2,000 from Osage Ambulance, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Community Facilities Advisory Board Meeting: May 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm. City Commission Chambers
Kansas County Highway Association Annual Spring Conference: May 15-17, 2023 Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan

Open Enrollment May 17 & 18, 8-4 pm at Expo Center

Special Budget Work Session: Ford County Departments, May 23, 2023 starting at 9:00 am.

Candidate Filing Deadline Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Noon

Adjournment

Commissioner Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk