

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF January 3, 2022

MEETING NUMBER 2022-01

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

3:30 A.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 Meeting Minutes: 2021-46

Credit Card Statement

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$28,744.18

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

Open Public Comment

Ford County Fire Chief Rob Boyd introduced the New Deputy Chief Kyle Davis. Mr. Davis has been a Caption with the County for 5 years. Today is his first day as Deputy Chief.

Unfinished Business-None

Legal Counsel - None

County Administrator's Report

Ford County Engineer: Field Survey Agreement

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs with Kirkham Michael presented for approval the field survey agreement between Kirkham Michael and the County. KDOT has asked Ford County to take the lead in getting the survey completed for the proposed Hilmar Cheese Production facility. KDOT will credit the

cost of the surveying towards the local matching funds required for the Economic Development assistance request. There is a lump sum of \$146,500 for the survey. If there will be additional services needed it will be brought back to the commissioners.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Field Survey Agreement with Kirkham Michael as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the board on current projects.

KDOT Passing Lane Projects in Ford County – Currently scheduled for August 2022 construction bid letting. The general location descriptions are. 1. On US-50, starting at the end of the concrete pavement northeast of Dodge City to 1.4 miles east of 126 Road near Spearville. 2. On US-50, starting 1.4 miles east of 126 Road, and then east 2.18 miles east of Spearville.

Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road - Chris O'Neal, road and Bridge Superintendent, is working to set up a meeting with the Township to discuss details of the project. Iron Star Wind Farm w/Engie – The contractor continues to work on clean up and demobilization of equipment. Kirkham Michael's budget was to maintain a full-time liaison through December 31 as Engie has advised that construction would be complete by then. Have requested Engie to authorize reimbursing the county for our full-time liaison to stay on-site for 1-2 months longer during final cleanup.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright – NextEra requested to delay their CUP consideration until after the first of the year. It is Ford County's understanding that they intend to increase the footprint and capacity of the wind farm.

US Highway 50 expansion west of Dodge City to Cimarron – KDOT opened bids on December 15, 2021. The low bidder was Koss Construction from Topeka who does a lot of heavy highway construction for KDOT. KDOT will award the bid for construction to begin in early 2022. Koss has until April 2025 to complete construction.

Paved Road Reclamation (102 and 113 Road) Filed survey has been completed and design will begin on the 102 Road project in the near future with the intent to bind the 102 Road project the first quarter of 2022 for construction in 2022. There has been a noticeable increase in contractor bid prices in recent months.

Submitted a KS Local Bridge Improvement Program funding application to KDOT on October 6 to replace Off-System Bridge 97. This is a reinforced concrete span bridge build in 1930-posted 10 Tons. It is located on 133 Road, approx. ½ mile north of Lariat Road over the Coon Creek. KDOT selected this project for \$150,000 in funding. Kirkham Michael will develop an engineering agreement for the February Commission meeting for survey, design, and construction engineering. Submitted a High Risk Rural Roads funding application to KDOT on November 2, 2021. For 100 percent Federal Funds to place pavement markings on certain county blacktop roads. Anticipate KDOT to announce selected projects in the next 60 days.

New Business: Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021- Cracks have been observed in the newly placed asphalt pavement. We are working with APAC and Terracon to try and determine a cause and how to address the issue.

Ford County EMS 2022 Ambulance / Remount

Ford County Fire Chief Rob Boyd is asking for approval of a chassis replacement on a 2015 ambulance. In addition, all components of the original ambulance box will be updated. Osage will repaint the exterior and repair any damage. Osage keeps all original warranties in place. The amount would be \$117,850.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the ambulance remount through Osage Ambulances / Emergency Services Supply for \$117,850. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ford County Maintenance: Emergency Operations Center / Roof Repair

Building and Grounds Director Don Larman is asking for approval for additional funding for a different style roof than the one KCAMP approved. This is for a claim from the 12/15/2021, wind damage. KCAMP will be paying \$42,000 insurance, he is asking for additional funding to cover the difference. The total for the roof repair with different roof is \$46,415.00.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the additional funding as requested. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Southwest Regional Emergency Planning Council: Letter of Appointment

Ford County Emergency Manager Rex Beemer is requesting a letter of appointment to the Southwest Regional Emergency Planning Council for 2022 and 2023. This is a two year appointment.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve signing a letter of appointment for Rex Beemer to the Southwest Regional Emergency Planning Council for 2022 and 2023. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

CFAB: Needed rescheduled. No date yet.

NACo Legislative Conference-Feb 12-Feb 16, 2022 Marriott Wardman Park, Washington DC.

Local Government Day: 1-7 pm. January 26, 2022 Hotel Topeka, Topeka, KS

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk