

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF February 7, 2022

MEETING NUMBER 2022-03

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:

Chris Boys, Chairman

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner (Absent)

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Pastor Corky Spitler, Christ the King Lutheran Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Boys leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2022-02

Credit Card Statement

CMB License: KV-M@ Emprise Inc. / Gunsmoke RV Park

CMB License: Noe Ochoa / Rancho El Nopalito

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$1,106,737.91

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

Open Public Comment

Pat Heeke, HR Director introduced the new Care to Thrive Clinic staff, Manager Denise Martinez, and the new APRN Elizabeth Hart. The Care to Thrive Clinic now offers extended hours; Tuesday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Also, they offer Dietician services and Health Counselor by televisit. From now until December 29, 2022, all employees, their spouses and children (to age 26) are eligible to receive treatment at the clinic free. No out of pocket, cost. You do not have to be on Ford County's Health insurance plan.

Unfinished Business-None

County Administrator's Report

Community Facility Advisory Board: Board Appointments

Melissa McCoy with the Community Facility Advisory Board presented for approval the reappointment and appointments to the Community Facility Advisory Board as follows:

The reappointment of Martha Mendoza to serve a second three-year term.

The appointment of Paige Bangerter to fill a vacancy for a remaining board term.

The appointment of Hugo Garcia to fill a board vacancy.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the reappointment and appointments to the Community Facility Advisory Board, as recommended. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Off-System Bridge 97 Engineering Agreement

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval the Off-System Bridge 97 Engineering Agreement. Ford County was awarded \$150,000 from KDOT's Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program toward replacing this bridge. The project must be designed, and inspected by a Professional Engineer, then bid within two years. Kirkham Michael is presenting an engineering agreement for survey, design, bidding, and construction engineering services to replace the existing concrete bridge with a steel beam bridge. This bridge is more than 90 years old.

Chairman Boys moved to approve Off-System Bridge 97 Engineering Agreement with Kirkham Michael as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Iron Star Wind Farm / Addendum to Road Maintenance Agreement

Ford County Engineer Joh Halbgewachs presented for approval Addendum 2 to the RMA with Iron Star Wind Farm. The budget approved for Kirkham Michael's services during construction of the wind farm was to allow for a full-time liaison through December 31, 2021 as Engie has advised that construction would be complete by then. Construction is to continue into the middle or end of February. Engie approved an additional \$50,000 for Kirkham Michael, services to be reimbursed by Engie.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the Addendum to the RMA with Iron Star Wind Farm as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs gave an update on projects he is working on.

Iron Star Wind Farm w/ Engie- The contractor continues working on roadway reclamation with anticipation all roads will be ready for final inspection by February 18.

US Highway 50 expansion west of Dodge City to Cimarron- KDOT opened bids on December 15, 2021. The bid has been awarded to Koss Construction. Koss has until April 2025 to complete construction. Kirkham Michael has been selected by KDOT to assist them with inspection during construct. KDOT has presented an agreement to Ford County to transfer ownership, liability, and maintenance responsibilities of certain access roads which are to be constructed with the US-50 4-lane expressway project west of Dodge City.

Hilmar Chees Plant Traffic Impact Study - Kirkham Michael is still working on a few final edits to the Traffic Impact Study report in order to obtain KDOT approval. We have completed the fieldwork for the preliminary survey and are currently generating the deliverables for KDOT. Kirkham Michael has been selected by KDOT to develop construction plans for paving 112 and Outlaw Roads as well as turn lanes where these two roads intersect the highways. Kirkham Michael has also been selected by KDOT to develop construction plans for improvements where US-50 and US 283 (South 2nd Ave) intersect.

Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads - A preliminary design has been completed. A field check meeting is to be held on-site February 7 to review the preliminary plans.

Paved Road Reclamation (102 and 113 Roads)- A preliminary design has been completed for 102 Road. A field check meeting is to be held on-site February 7 to review the preliminary plans.

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.

New Business - Drainage analysis on Horseshoe Road between 132 and 133 Roads - Kirkham Michael estimated the number and size culverts needed to carry both a 2-year and 5-year storm event. This location is in Wheatland Township.

Mr. Halbgewachs will attend the township meeting February 16, 2022.

Human Resources: Fire & EMS / Phone Stipend

HR Director Pat Heeke is requesting on behalf of Fire Chief Rob Boyd a phone stipend for the Deputy Chief position of \$80.00.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve phone stipend for the Deputy Chief position. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Sheriff's Office: Asset Forfeiture Reports

Ford County Sheriff Bill Carr presented for approval and requested the Chairman's Signature for the annual State and Federal Asset Forfeiture Reports.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the signing of the annual State and Federal Asset Forfeiture Reports. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

KWORCC 2022 Annual Premium

HR Director Pat Heeke presented for approval the KWORCC 2022 Annual Premium invoice of \$173,054.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve KWORCC Annual Premium for \$173,054. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Information Technology: VMware VSphere 7 Upgrade

IT Director Marti Bremer presented for approval VMware vSphere 7 Upgrade quote is for \$23,445.00.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the quote for VMware vSphere 7 Upgrade as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Information Technology: Meraki Renewal

IT Director Marti Bremer is asking for this item be tabled until the next meeting. He would like to check on a quote difference possibility.

Commissioner Tasset moved to table this until the next meeting. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Information Technology: Phase 3

IT Director Marti Bremer had asked for this item to be tabled before the meeting.

Commissioner Tasset moved to table this item until Marti brings it back with the information needed. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

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

County Day at the Capital February 16, 2022 at Kansas State Capital

Dodge City Chamber Banquet: February 25, 2022, Boothill Casino Conference Center

Dodge City Night in Topeka: Tuesday March 1, 2022 Shawnee Room at Hotel Topeka, Starting at 5:30 pm.

3i Show: March 17-19, 2022

Township Meeting: Wednesday February 16, 2022, 10:30 check in. Western State Bank Expo Center.

Commissioner Tasset commented on the NACo Legislative Conference. The Mayor of Washington DC requires a vaccination card to enter Washington DC and he will not be attending the NACo conference. He has concerns that the Mayor of DC is preventing the constituents from accessing their representatives in Washington DC.

Adjournment

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 pm. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk