

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF March 16, 2020
MEETING NUMBER 2020-08
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. Commissioner Tasset called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tasset led the prayer and then led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

Chris Boys, Chairman (Absent)
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner
Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

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

Commissioner Tasset moved to amend the agenda under the Claims for payment to add a late check for \$90,000.00 for a total of \$734,047.37. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Tasset moved to amend the agenda under the County Administrator's Report to remove #3 Early Retirement Application. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting 2020-06; 2020-07

Approval of Additions & Abatements: 2019 RE \$-265.00: 2019 PP \$-270.44: 2019 16/20 m's \$-426.88

Commissioner Tasset moved to table until next the meeting, the approval of the meeting minutes 2020-06 and 2020-07 because he was not at those meeting. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Additions and Abatements as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment \$738,047.37

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the Claims of \$738,047.37 for payment. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Open Public Comment

Sheriff Bill Carr stated the Ford County Sheriff's office; Dodge City Police Department, and the KBI were awarded by Kansas Narcotics Association the KNOA Drug Unit of the Year in combating drugs in our community. Kevin Salzman was also the Prosecuting Attorney of the Year.

Sheriff Carr also stated that several officer were trained with the Crisis Intervention Team last year. He has a request to send one of his staff to be trained as a Crisis Intervention trainer. This is an honor.

Commissioner Snook thanked Fire Chief Rob Boyd and his team for their help in putting out the fires in Oklahoma.

Angela Sowers, Ford County Health Department Director and Rex Beemer, Ford County Emergency Manager reported on the Coronavirus in the State. People may contact the KDHE at 1-866-534-3463, the CDC has a website www.coronavirus.gov . People can always call the Ford County Health Department at 227-4545.

Unfinished Business-None

Legal Counsel

Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the revised contract for Conant Construction and the Western State Bank Expo Center. This is for the new addition to the Expo Center. Conant Construction has signed this contract.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the contract with Conant Construction and Wester State Bank Expo Center as presented by Mr. Kerbs. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

County Administrator's Report

County Engineer's Report

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs, gave an update on the projects he has been working on. OS Bridge 31 Widening (Duck Creek on 114 Road north of Garnett): At the February 18th commissioner meeting the Commission indicated they may consider options for the bridge replacement. He would like direction from the Board whether to proceed forward. Commission stated they would table this until Chairman Boys can be here. Paved Road Reclamation (Jewell Road, 102 Road, and 113 Road) Terracon completed soil borings; they are now performing laboratory testing of the soils for the reclamation and pavement recommendations. Will be updating KDOT on the project's progress, provide letters of support from local road users, and revise the amount of money requested in the Cost Share application. Have received letters of support from USD 381 in Spearville, and hope to receive from USD 443 Dodge City soon. Have also made contact with the Right COOP for letters of support. Deadline for the Cost Share request is April 15. Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road- Have been working with Enterprise Township to assist them with developing a plan to improve Quaker Road between 115 and 116 Road. Have been working with Iron Star Wind Farm and Grainbelt Express Power Line for Road Maintenance agreements.

Dodge City Chamber of Commerce Letter: House Bill 2598

Anna Bjerken, President and Matt Morrison, President of Kansas Pharmacy Association. There are asking for Commissioner's support of House Bill 2598. This bill would allow oversight of the PBM industry in Kansas. This bill would allow employers and insured members to identify the methods that PBM's use to entice patients to use mail-order services or certain pharmacies.

Commissioner Tasset moved to support House Bill 2598. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Human Resources: YMCA Award

Pat Heeke, HR Director and Molly Johnson HR assistant introduced Karla Springer Membership Director for the YMCA. Ms. Springer stated Ford County has been chosen as Ford County Partner in Health Champion Award. She invited Ford County employees and families to the Annual Awards Banquet, April 2 2020, at 6:30 pm. At the Hoover Pavilion.

KWORCC 2019 Audited Premium Statement

Ford County HR Director Pat Heeke is asking for approval of the annual KWORCC premium audit for \$17,129.00. Total premium for 2019 is \$181,621.00

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the KWORCC 2019 Audited Premium of \$17,129.00. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

EMS: ImageTrend Invoice/Annual Fees

Ford County Fire Chief Rob Boyd is asking for approval for the Annual Fee with ImageTrend. This is a report writing software they have been using for the last 3 years. This is a budgeted item from line number 036-201-5345. The invoice is for \$13,738.66.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the invoice for \$13,738.66 from ImageTrend. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Noxious Weed: Annual Management Plan

Noxious Weed Director, David Nichole presented for approval the 2020 Annual Noxious weed Management Plan.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the 2020 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Western State Bank Expo Center: Event Cancellation Refund Policy

Danielle Crouch, Manager of the Western State Bank Expo Center is asking if there should be changes to the General Conditions for all Rentals refund policy. The current policy does not include a clause for refund in cases of public health concerns like those that we have now. Does the commission want to address this at this time? She does have several events coming up that are concerned if they have to cancel their event. She is working with them to try to move to later dates.

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

Sheriff: Building Projects

Sheriff Bill Carr is requesting approval to proceed with Williamson Architectures plans for the storage building plans.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Sheriff to proceed with Williamson Architectures plans for the storage building plans for the Sheriffs office. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Rex Beemer introduced his new employee, Glenn Hascall, Emergency Manager Coordinator

Upcoming Meetings

3i Show: Cancelled-WSB Expo Center

CFAB: 6:00 pm, Wednesday, March 25, 2020 City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall

ICMA Regional Conference 2020: March 25-27, 2020 Westin Irving Convention Center, 400 West Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas

Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) Annual Conference: Rescheduled to
July 21-23, 2020, Liberal

Executive Session: Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Tasset moved the Board recess into executive session for 15 minutes, to discuss inmate communications services and related matters at the Ford County Detention Center pursuant to the matters relating to security measures exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (12). The open meeting to resume in this location at 4:40 p.m.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, Ford County Sheriff, Captain Gordon Willard and the County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commission returned to regular meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Sheriff to issue a RFP for inmate communication services. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Sheriff to issue a RFP for Inmate Commissary. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Adjournment

Commissioner Tasset moved to adjourn at 4:41 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk