

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF April 18, 2022
MEETING NUMBER 2022-09
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

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner (by Phone)

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Captain Roberto Davila, Salvation Army led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Boys leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2022-08

Approval of Additions & Abatements: 2019 RE \$-21,804.02; 2020 RE \$-22,828.06;

2021 RE \$-23,117.90

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$322,611.12

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

Open Public Comment

Emergency Manager, Rex Beemer let the board know that Mr. Glenn Hascall has become a Kansas Certified Emergency Manager. He has taken all trainings and has met the requirements.

Unfinished Business

Information Technology: Phase 3

This item was tabled from the meeting 2022-03 to allow for updates on the information presented. IT Director Marti Bremer presented the Nex -Tech quote that addressed the remaining doors in the Government Center which need to be secured, as part of our Physical Security Project. Funding for this project is in the Special Project fund 2-080-101-5422.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the quote from Nex – Tech for the 3rd phase of the Ford County Physical Security Project, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Legal Counsel

Resolution: A Resolution to Continue an Account in the Municipal Investment Pool

Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented Resolution No. 2022-15 A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE AN ACCOUNT IN THE MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT POOL.

This is to update the County Treasurer information. This resolution repeals Resolution No. 2022-11.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-15 A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE AN ACCOUNT IN THE MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT POOL. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution: Designating Landmark National Bank

Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented Resolution No. 2022-16 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LANDMARK NATIONAL BANK AS AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY BANK FOR FUNDS FOR FORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

This is to update the County Treasurer information. This resolution repeals Resolution No. 2022-10.

Chairman Boys moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-16 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LANDMARK NATIONAL BANK AS AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY BANK FOR FUNDS FOR FORD COUNTY, KANSAS. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution: Designating Official Depositories for Funds of Ford County, Kansas

Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented Resolution No 2022-17 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

This is to update the County treasurer information and the Bucklin Bank information. This resolution repeals Resolution No. 2022-12.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No 2022-17 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Administrator's Report

Emergency Management: a Resolution to Declare a Local Disaster

Ford County Emergency Manager Rex Beemer requested approval of Resolution No 2022-18 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR FORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-18 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR FORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fire & EMS: Burn Ban

Ford County Fire Chief Rob Boyd is asking for approval implementing a burn ban for the next 30 days. This would be Resolution No. 2022-19. The most significant change from prior proclamations is Section 5. In 2020, the legislature changed the penalty from a non-person Class A misdemeanor to a civil penalty in an amount not exceed \$2,500.00.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-19 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN FORD COUTNY, KANSAS. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fire & EMS: Western Kansas Multi-County Task Force

Fire Chief Boyd and Deputy Chief Kyle Davis presented for approval of Western Kansas Multi-County Task Force. This is be with Liberal, Garden City, Dodge City, Hays and Ford County. If they have a large fire, this will provide for investigation sharing.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Ford County Fire Investigation Task Force Contract. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Human Resources: Health Insurance Benefits

Pat Heeke, HR Director presented for approval the health insurance renewal option for Ford County Employees. There was a \$287,000.00 increase in the renewal. How would the Commission like to distribute that increase? The option is to raise the stop loss from \$50,000 to \$75,000, the ER deductible from \$100.00 to \$250.00 copay, and to raise the low deductible options by \$500.00. Would need to know about signing the renewal to get contracts updated. Open enrollment is set for May 16 and 17, 2022 at the Expo Center.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal options, moving the stop loss from \$50,000 to \$75,000, the ER deductible from \$100.00 to \$250.00 copay and to raise the low deductible options by \$500.00. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.** Commissioner Snook abstained from voting.

Communications: Kansas Department of Transportation / Utility Statement

Communications Director Elliot Linke presented for approval the KDOT annual utility billing statement regarding T-1 Line usage charges for 2022 for \$13,200.00.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the KDOT annual utility billing statement for T-1 line usage charges 2022 in the amount of \$13,200.00. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Communications: Priority Dispatch / Annual Statement

Communications Director Elliot Linke presented for approval the annual charges from Priority Dispatch System License Renewal, Service & Support from 4/1/2022 to 4/1/23.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the invoice from Priority Dispatch System License Renewal, Service & Support from 4/1/2022 to 4/1/2023. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Planning and Zoning: Zoning Board

Melissa Drake Director of Planning and Zoning is asking for the reappointment of Ms. Jolee Chris Coles-Kerbs to the Ford County Zoning board. Ms. Kerbs terms expires June 22, 2022. She has requested to serve an additional three year term.

Commissioner Tasset moved to appoint Ms. Jolee Chris Coles Kerbs to a 3-year term extension on the Ford County Zoning Board. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Retirements

Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake is asking for approval of resignations of Mr. John R. Mullen and Ms. Josie Lix from the Zoning Board. Their terms end on June 22, 2022.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the resignations of Mr. John R. Mullen and Ms. Jose Lix from the Ford County Zoning board when their terms expire on June 22, 2022. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Vacancies

Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake is asking for approval to provide notice by publishing the openings in the official County Newspaper, for the two positions now open. Positions will be open until each are filled.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake to publish for the two open positions on the Zoning board. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Health Department : Covid -19 Update

County Health Administrator Angela Sowers discussed the next phase. Free Covid testing and the Covid vaccinations will still be available to all persons. They do not have to live in Ford County to receive these.

Kansas Association of Counties: Special Election

In January the KAC hosted a special election to allow the Kansas County Human Resource Association to transition from an Associate member of the KAC to an Alleviate member. The election failed. They are asking for an additional vote, same question.

Upcoming Meetings

Community Facility Advisory Board (CFAB): ZOOM- 6:30 pm Thursday, April 21, 2022

Kansas County Commission Association: Spring Conference, April 26th - 28th, Salina

Kansas Association of City/County Managers: KACM Spring Conference 2022, April 28th & 29th, Lawrence.

Special Budget Work Sessions:

May 2, 2022, starting at 2:00 pm- FY 2023 Budget/ Beginning of Outside Requests

May 11, 2022, starting at 8:30 am. – FY 2023 Budget / Ford County Department Heads

May 16, 2022, starting at 2:00 pm. – FY 2023 Budget / Remaining Outside Requests

KS County HWY Assoc. (KCHA) 2022 Conference: May 16th-18th, 2022 United Wireless Arena & Booth Hill Casino & Resort Conference Center

Executive Session

Chairman Boys moved the Board recess into executive session to discuss an employee evaluation pursuant to the personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting to resume in this location at 4:55 pm.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, County Counselor, Human Resources Director Pat Heeke and Human Resource Specialist Molly Gleason should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Commission returned to regular session at 4:55 pm. No Action taken

Adjournment

Commissioner Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 pm. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk