

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION OF May 18, 2020**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2020-17**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**3:00 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:

Chris Boys, Chairman

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

**Budget- Ford County Extension Council- By Phone**  
**Budget- Friendship Feast**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

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**Chris Boys, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Cox, County Clerk**

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF May 18, 2020  
MEETING NUMBER 2020-18  
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

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Dr. Shawn Fletcher led the group in prayer. Chairman Boys then led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Boys moved to amend the agenda to move #8 Noxious Weed: Request to sell at Auction to next meeting on June 1. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes Meetings: 2020-14: 2020-15; 2020-16

Fireworks License/ J. Day Fireworks LLC (2)

Fireworks License/ Wholesale Fireworks Enterprises, LLC (2)

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

**Approval of Claims for Payment: \$270,443.49**

Chairman Boys moved to approve the payment of claims for \$270,443.49. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Open Public Comment - None**

**Unfinished Business - None**

**Legal Counsel - None**

**County Administrator's Report**

**Extension of Resolution No. 2020-07**

Rex Beemer, Ford County Emergency Manager requested a 60-day extension for Resolution No. 2020-17 – Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ford County, Kansas. This would be Resolution No. 2020-09. This extension would allow the County to continue to receive funds for the COVID 19 disaster.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the 60-day extension for Local Disaster Emergency for Ford County. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**County Operations**

County Administrator J.D. Gilbert stated the Commissioners might consider if they want to continue with the Governors order of Ad Astra plan for re- opening the County or to make changes for the County. Chairman Boys stated he is not in favor of tightening things any more than what has been done. Commissioner Tasset stated he is always for liberty first and would not be in favor of tightening things more. Commissioner Snook agreed that we should not tighten things more. No action was taken. Ford County will follow Governors orders as they are at 1.5.

**County Engineer's Report**

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs presented by phone, a recap of Kirkham Michael's activates since April 20, 2020. OS Bridge 31 Reconstruction and Roadway Re-Alignment- per the Commissioner's directive: We are proceeding with the 55-mph roadway design. The County Surveyor is working on writing legal descriptions for the needed right of way. The County Road and Bridge Superintendent will coordinate with the two landowners, and the County Counselor for acquiring the needed right of way. Paved Road Reclamation (Jewell Road) - Kirkham Michael is working on the field topographic survey this week. They will proceed with development of construction plans once the survey is complete. Mr. Halbgewachs is working to get some additional letters of support to submit with the KDOT Cost Share application on May 18. Iron Star Wind Farm - the County Zoning Director forwarded an email that the developer is moving forward with a geotechnical investigation for the wind farm project. They have not yet submitted a Conditional Use Permit application at this time.

**Kansas Natural Resource Coalition: Great Western Trails**

Jim Carlson, Executive Director at Kansas Natural Resource Coalition presented information on the Great Western Trails

**Kansas Natural Resource Coalition: Rails to Trails**

Jim Carlson, Executive Director at Kansas Natural Resource Coalition presented information on the Rails to Trails program.

**Building and Grounds: Fair Buildings**

Don Larman, Building Supervisor, presented the repair needs of the Fairground buildings. Several repairs need to be made to the buildings. An estimated cost is \$150,000 min. Commissioner Snook stated he feels the County Fair should be moved to the Expo Center and the Fairground property be sold. That proceeds could be used at the Expo to help meet the additional needs of the County Fair. Commissioner Tasset stated he agrees, the Expo Center should be The location for the County Fair.

**Western State Bank Expo Center: Event Proposal**

Expo Manage, Danielle Crouch presented for approval the contract for an upcoming ACO CORNHOLE Sanctioned event in April 2021. This is a great event that brings people in from all locations.. They are trying to get the Festival moved from College Station , TX to Dodge City.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the contract for the 2021 ACO CORNHOLE event. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried. 3-0.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Open Enrollment for Benefits:** Online throughout the month of May

**National Association of Counties, (NACO) Annual Conference-** July 17<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Orlando, Florida

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

**Adjournment**

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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FORD COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debbie Cox, County Clerk