

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF June 18, 2018
MEETING NUMBER 2018-21
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3:30 PM.



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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 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Kirk Larson, Grace Community Church led the group in prayer. Chairman Boys then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes: Meeting 2018-18; 2018-19; 2018-20
Approve Additions & Abatements- RE 2017 \$-329.08
Credit Card Statement-May 2018
Fireworks License-J. Day Fireworks LLC
Fireworks License-Ian Ross/VP Fireworks

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$327,952.92

Chairman Boys moved to approve the payment of claims for \$327,952.92. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Open Public Comment

Sandy Elliot, resident at 706 Wright St. spoke of the noise issues with the Palomino Ranch. She had sent a letter in 2012 to then Commissioner Terry Williams; she has sent the current commissioners a copy. She has called the city police and the County Sheriff to complain. She wanted to let the commissioners know she is still dealing with the noise issues.

Ford County Attorney Kevin Salzman, introduced summer intern, Isaac LaBlanc, Mr. LaBlanc will be working thru July for the County Attorney's office.

Unfinished Business-Outdoor Warning Siren System Bid & Location

Interim Emergency Manager, Danny Gillum presented the options for placement of the siren at Victory Hills Addition. Mr. Gillum and Chris O'Neal Road and Bridge Superintendent, have agreed on a county right of way area as the best location to place the siren in the Victory Hill Addition. GIS will survey the area, in the SE corner of Victory Hills Addition, ensuring proper placement. Mr. Gillum is asking for approval of the bid from Blue Valley Public Safety for the total amount of \$42,321.68. Commissioner Snook asked if the amount included the pole.. Mr. Gillum stated it did. Commissioner Snook asked if Victory Electric could do the pole cheaper. Mr. Gillum stated he would check into that. Commissioner Tasset stated that enough time has been spent on this project that we should go with this bid. Chairman Boys agreed with Commissioner Tasset. Mr. Gillum stated this bid is for two sirens, one will be placed in Victory Hills Addition the other in the Ford County Sand Pit, in the Las Brisas area. \$36,532.18 would come from line 8-08-101-5446, Civil Defense Equipment Line and \$5,789.50 would come from 8-001-202-5346, Siren Maintenance.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the bid of \$42,321.68 from Blue Valley Public Safety. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voting no.

Legal Counsel-None**County Administrator's Report****Great Plains Development Inc. Annual Update & 2018 Membership Dues**

Faye Trent, Co-Director of Great Plains Development, Inc. presented information on what Great Plains Development has been able to do for Ford County and the areas they serve. Ms. Trent also asked for the 2018 Membership dues for \$3,750.00.

Commissioner Snook move to pay the 2018 dues of \$3,750.00. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion failed 1-2.** Commissioner Tasset and Chairman Boys voting no. Commissioner Snook voting yes.

Naming of the Amateur Radio Station (aka Ham radio)

Elliot Link, Ford County Communications Director, and Danny Gillum, Ford County Interim Emergency Manager, would like to officially name the Amateur Radio Station (aka Ham radio) located at the Ford County Emergency Operations Center in honor of Michael Burkhart.

Chairman Boys moved to name the Amateur Radio Station (aka Ham radio) in honor of Michael Burkhart. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion on Opioid Use in Ford County

Kevin Salzman, Ford County Attorney spoke on the opioid use in Ford County and the number of cases his office sees. The opiate use is increasing in Ford County. Dale Coleman, Ford County Undersheriff, spoke on the training and supplies that the Sheriff's office goes through with the opioid use in Ford County. Jimmy Jones from New Chance spoke on the number of clients that New Chance deals with.

Dr. Moffitt Ford County, Corner and Rob Boyd, Ford County Fire Chief spoke one the cases they see in the use of opioids. Dr. Moffitt also stated he believed t the research it would take for Opioid use in Ford County would be more than twenty-five hours for each department in order to get a true cost analyses.

Landfill-Hammel Scale

Brian Herbert, Landfill Director brought a proposal from Hammel Scale Co. for a new scale to replace the one currently in use at the landfill. The current scale is in need of repair, it is over 20 years old. The Hammel Scale will have a ten-year warranty. This has been budgeted for. Total for the scale would be \$102,020.00

Chairman Boys moved to approve the purchase of the landfill scale from Hammel Scale Co. for \$102,020.00. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Tasset moved to recess for 5 minutes at 4:36 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commission returned to regular meeting at 4:41 pm.

Conditional Use Permit-Palomino Ranch

The Commissioners have received complaints about Palomino Ranch, on noise issues and the violations of their CUP. Mr. Manuel Manriquez, from Dodge City Downs spoke on how he handles the noise from the concerts he has. Ford County Administrator, J.D. Gilbert and Caption Hunter, and Mr. Glenn Kerbs, Ford County Legal Counsel met with Mr. Del Real last week. There are some things they have met in their CUP. He stated there are ways to work with Palomino Ranch. Mr. Glenn Kerbs Ford County Legal Counsel stated the commissioners could void the CUP for violations. The CUP for Palomino Ranch has very specific conditions, one with regard to ending time, and other things to curb the noise. Mr. Del Real has asked for the CUP to be amended. Mark Shriwise stated the Planning and Zoning board will be meeting July 9, 2018 for a new CUP with Palomino Ranch. There would be a 14-day protest time then it would go to the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Boys stated that he has had a number of calls about the noise. He feels it does no good to have a CUP if the county will not enforce it. Commissioner Tasset agreed if we do not enforce the CUP it does no good to have one. Commissioner Tasset also stated people should have the right to use their property for their pleasure. Chairman Boys stated that they could rent the Expo Center for the concerts; they are not taking the CUP seriously. It was also suggested the county could develop a noise ordinance or request that they annex into the City.

Santa Fe Trail Sportsman's Club-Building Request

William Ward, of Santa Fe Trail Sportsman's club, is requesting permission to place an additional building on its property. The building would be used for storage of the ground's maintenance equipment. The building size would be 16x20. It would be a moveable building.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the building for the Santa Fe Trail Sportsman's Club. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Dodge Township-Resignation of Township Clerk

Ford County Clerk, Debbie Cox, received a resignation letter from Dodge Township Clerk Cory Warkintin.

Commissioner Tasset moved to accept the resignation of Cory Warkintin as Dodge Township Clerk. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Dodge Township-Appointment of Township Clerk

Ford County Clerk, Debbie Cox, received a letter of interest from Jeff Dodson for the Dodge Township Clerk. Along with the letter of interest was a letter of endorsement from the Township's Treasurer, Darrell Burkhart and The Trustee, Robert Lampe. Ms. Cox also stated that Mr. Dodson is running for the Township Clerk position in the 2018 election.

Chairman Boys moved to appoint Jeff Dodson to the position of Dodge Township Clerk. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

National Association of Counties-Voting Delegate

NACO is preparing for the 83rd Annual Conference to be held 13-16, 2018 in Nashville, TN. They are asking for voting delegates.

Chairman Boys moved to appoint Commissioner Tasset as the designated NACO County Delegate with County Administrator J.D. Gilbert as Alternate. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Kansas Association of Counties-Certification of Voting Delegate and Alternates

The Kansas Association of Counties is asking for voting delegate for the October 2018 Conference.

Chairman Boys moved to appoint Commissioner Tasset as the designated KAC voting delegate with County Administrator J.D. Gilbert as 1st alternate and Register of Deeds Brenda Pogue as 2nd alternate. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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County Administrator, JD Gilbert, stated that Administrative Assistant Amy Stoecker will be out of the office the Thursday and Friday before the next meeting. Items for the agenda will need to be in to her by noon on Wednesday the 27 of June.

Upcoming Meetings

National Association of Counties, (NACo), Annual Conference: July 13-16, 2018 Gaylord Opryland, Davidson County/Nashville, Tennessee

Ford County Fair: July 19 to 23, 2018

Dodge City Days: July 26 to August 5, 2018

Adjournment

Commissioner Tasset moved to adjourn at 5:25 pm Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk