

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF July 3, 2020**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2020-26**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**10:00 AM.**



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The Board of County Commissioners met in special session in the Commission Chambers at the Ford County Government Center.

Those present were:

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

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

Chairman Boys called the special meeting to order.

**Sheriff's Office: Vendor Service Contract**

Lieutenant Gordon Willard with the Ford County Sheriff's office presented for approval two inmate service agreements. One from Crown Correctional Telephone for Inmate Communications and one from Sterling Commissary, LLC, for Inmate Commissary Service. These agreements are for 5 years. There is no cost to the County. The Inmate Communications agreement is cheaper for the inmate's phone services than agreements in the past. With these agreements, there will be a new bank account set up for the jail accounting purposes. This has been talked about with the auditors and legal counsel and they agree.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the agreements with Crown Correctional Telephone for Inmate Communications and the Sterling Commissary, LLC for Inmate Commissary Service agreement. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**County Operations**

Ford County legal counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented Ford County Order No. 1. This is in response to the Governors Executive Order No. 20-52. The counties have the option to follow the order or to opt out. The County of Ford is not against the wearing of masks, will not make wearing of masks or other face covering in public mandatory. While not required, it is recommended persons in Ford County wear mask or other face coverings in those situations described in Executive Order No. 20-52. (Ford County Order No. 1 attached)

Chairman Boys moved to approve Ford County Order No. 1. Related to Public Health and Executive Order No. 20-52. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.** Commissioner Snook abstained from vote.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn at 10:27 am. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.  
**Motion carried 3-0.**

**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 Order No. 1**  
**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-52**

**WHEREAS**, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020, related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Ford County Board of Commissioners proclaimed a state of local disaster emergency on March 18, 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-07) and extended said proclamation on May 18, 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-09);

**WHEREAS**, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-52, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-924 and 48-925, on July 2, 2020, requiring any person in Kansas cover their mouth and nose with a mask or other face covering in certain situations;

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 48-925(h) authorizes the board of county commissioners of any county to issue an order relating to public health that includes provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the governor;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Ford County, Kansas, has consulted with local health officers and other local health officials regarding Executive Order No. 20-52;

**WHEREAS**, after such consultation, the Board of County Commissioners of Ford County, Kansas, has determined the provisions in Executive Order No. 20-52 are not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the residents in Ford County;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Ford County, Kansas, finds the number of COVID-19 cases in Ford County is trending down as well as hospitalizations of persons diagnosed as positive for COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of County Commissioners of Ford County, Kansas, by K.S.A. 48-925(h), it is ordered as follows:


**Section 1.** The mandatory wearing of masks or other face coverings in public as required by Executive Order No. 20-52 shall not apply to persons in Ford County.

**Section 2.** While not required, it is recommended persons in Ford County wear masks or other face coverings in those situations described in Executive Order No. 20-52.

**Section 3.** This Order shall be effective upon passage and shall remain in force until rescinded or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency extended by House Bill 2016 enacted during the June, 2020, special legislative session relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

Order issued this 3rd day of July, 2020.

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

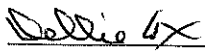
  
Chris Boys, Chairman

/s/ Shawn Tasset  
Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

  
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

ATTEST:



  
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Glenn I. Kerbs, County Counselor