

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF August 3, 2020

MEETING NUMBER 2020-31

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

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant 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.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meetings: 2020-29; 2020-30

Credit Card Statement

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Semi-Annual Report

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$281,310.35

Chairman Boys moved to approve the payment of claims for \$281,310.35. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Open Public Comment

Commissioner Snook moved to nominate Cowboy Jack Steinmitz to the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame at Boothill, as Working Cowboy. Commissioner Snook place to take to the city and the Historical Society for approval also. Motion died for lack of a second. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging: Sub-Region Council

This item was tabled from the 2020-30 meeting so that the Clerk could run an add in the paper. County Clerk Debbie Cox received three letters of interest of person wanting to serve on the SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Sub-Region Council. They were from, Vickie Williamson, Phyllis Gattenby, and Sandra Herder.

Commissioner Tasset moved to appoint Sandra Herder as the SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Sub-Council representative for Ford County. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Legal Counsel

Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs discussed Kansas Governor Kelly's Executive Order No 20-59. This Order deals with the schools and goes into effect August 10, 2020. Mr. Kerbs discussed the options the County Commissioners have in dealing with the Governor's Order. If the Commissioners choose to do something, different from the Governor's order, they will need have an Order. If they approve the Executive order, they do not have to do anything. Commissioner Tasset stated he would like to have an Order drawn up. There are three different school districts in the County; two are different from the school district in Dodge. The school districts would know their district and operations and should be trusted to handle their districts at that level. Mr. Kerbs stated he would prepare an order and have a special meeting later this week.

County Administrator's Report**Proclamation: National Health Center Week, August 9-15**

Chairman Boys read a Proclamation declaring August 9-15, 2020 as National Health Center Week.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the Week of August 9-15, 2020 as National Health Center Week. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Historical Society: Update

President of the Ford County Historical Society Kent Stehlik, and Sonya Hughes gave an update on Ford Doge, the Home of Stone renovation and the Bat Masterson statue. Mr. Stehlik also stated that they are working with USD 443 to save some artifacts from the old Administrative building before it is torn down. The Community fund/Mariah Fund has paid off the debt of the Trail of Fame Medallions. They will be adding two more Medallions for Sam Elliott and Jimmy Stewart. Sam Elliott played Bill Tillman and Jimmy Stewart was in the movie Winchester.

CDBG: Loan Application

Pat Heeke and Joann Knight discussed a Community Development Block Grant loan application from Investments Café LLC. They are asking for \$90,000. This will leave the County \$10,000 for small loans. The City has used most of their emergency funds.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the application for Investments Café LLC. CDBG loan. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Communication's: Motorola/Computer Aided Dispatch System

Communications Director Elliot Linke presented for approval a quote from Motorola in the amount of \$10,047.60 for a Flex Project Manager to coordinate Motorola's installation and training of staff. The cost includes a 5 year term of service. The current 5 year term of service expires in October.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Flex Project Manager for \$10,047.60 from Motorola. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Landfill: Bid Results

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris O'Neal presented the bids for Landfill Director Paul Resley. Four bids were received for the Dozer and Wench.

Foley #1: 2012 Caterpillar D6T Consignment-As is \$179,800 Does not include Freight

Foley #2: 2012 Caterpillar D6TXLUA \$162,440, New under carriage \$37,000., Total \$199,440

Berry Tractor: 2017 Komatsu D65PX-18 Tracked Dozer, Sn 90229, \$221,000 freight included

Murphy Tractor & Equipment: 2015 John Deere 850K Crawler Dozer-1T0850KXJFF275839, \$147,936.00.

Mr. Resley is recommending the bid from Foley the #2 bid with the new under carriage for a total of \$199,440.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the low bid from Murphy Tractor and Equipment for the 2015 John Deere 850K. for \$147,936.00. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Western State Bank Expo Center: Schedule Clarification

Danielle Crouch, Expo Manager, discussed the upcoming schedules that she has booked. With the COVID testing going on at the Expo Center, she would like clarification if the Commissioners would like to continue the testing at that site. The meeting room is used for the testing. She would like to have a clear plan to help adjust events if they need to. They do use a small amount of space. The Guards are concerned about the amount of people in the building for events. They must also stay safe. We do not know how long they will be here testing. October will be when the conflicts will start with the scheduling that she has. It was suggested to use the Fair Grounds. Commissioner Tasset stated they could start thinking about ideas.

Stipend Request: Western State Bank Expo Center/Event Manager

Manager Danielle Crouch is requesting a \$40.00 cell phone stipend for the Event manager. This is a new position that has never requested the stipend. Based on the duties which they are required to do, her employee in this position is using her personal cell phone for much of the calls.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the \$40.00 phone stipend for the Event manager. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted NO.

Upcoming Meetings

Election Primary Vote: August 4, 2020

Canvass of August 4, 2020 Primary Vote: August 12, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Executive Session: Pending Opioid Litigation

Chairman Boys moved to enter into an Executive session at 4:45 pm. To discuss matters related to pending opioid litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2). The Open meeting to resume in this location at 5:10 pm. In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, Ford County Sheriff, Chief of Fire and EMS, and the County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner returned to regular meeting at 5:10 pm. No Action taken

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk