

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF September 3, 2019
MEETING NUMBER 2019-30
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3:09 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:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

2020 Ford County Projects

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
MEETING NUMBER 2019-31
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. Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Pastor Dusty Cookson, First Christian Church led the group in prayer. Chairman Tasset then led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting–2019-28: 2019-29

Credit Card Statement- \$35,472.66

Cooperating Agency Agreement with Dodge City Community College

Chairman Tasset stated there needed to be a correction on the minutes from the last meeting. He had abstained from the vote to approve the minutes.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to the minutes to show he abstained in the vote. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$757,908.11

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the claims for payment of \$757,908.11. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Open Public Comment

Kevin Salzman, Ford County Attorney introduced the new people in his office. Carolina Ross-paralegal, Gretchen Webster-victim services assistant and Katie Rostetter-legal assistant.

Sheriff Bill Carr and City Chief of Police Drew France, they are working to establish a regional training site in the Dodge City/Ford County area. The state will to have eight sites and Dodge City/Ford County would like to be one of them. Sheriff Carr gave an update of items which will be addressed at the KS Criminal Justice Reform Committee meetings.

Unfinished Business-None

Legal Counsel–None

County Administrator’s Report

Compass Behavioral Health-Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Vicky Rose with Compass Behavioral Health is asking for a letter of support for a Grant to provide behavioral health services to inmates in the Finney, Ford, Scott and Grant County jails. Compass will also provide outreach services to the inmates they serve in the jail, after their release.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve a letter of support for Compass Behavioral Health for the Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

2020 Ford County Budget

Patrick Friess, partner from Kennedy McKee & Co. LLP, reviewed the 2020 Budget he is working on. The Road and Bridge is budgeting for road improvements and the Health Department upgrades can be funded with the bond money for the Medical Campus. The board should decide how much money will be retained in the Capital Improvement Fund for emergencies, and then prioritize which projects to proceed with first. May check into use of the Community Projects funds from the Windfarms money to do some of the projects. He is also asking for the date of the budget hearing. We can publish in the paper Friday, September 6, 2019, and schedule for on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Chairman Tasset asked the commissioners to prioritize the top six projects for next year. The top projects that all agreed on, #1 Courthouse HVAC upgrade, #2 Sheriff’s Office outdoor storage building, #3 Expo Center addition.

Chairman Tasset wanted to know about using some of the windfarm money for the Expo Project and some of the money that people are asking for to come from that also. Commissioner Boys asked if the Courthouse HVAC could be a project for this year. Mr. Gilbert, Ford County Administrator stated that someone was coming out to look at the Courthouse to see if it is just the HVAC system. Commissioner Snook asked about the Sheriff’s outdoor storage building. Sheriff Carr stated they are working to get the cost down on the building.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve project priorities as the Courthouse HVAC, The Sheriff’s office outdoor storage building and the Expo Center addition. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ford County Road & Bridge-Bid Results/Roadway Paint Striping

Road and Bridge Superintendent, Chris O’Neal presented the bid for the Roadway Paint Striping. He received one bid from Straight-Line Striping. He is recommending approval of that bid. This will complete 9 miles of Road Striping.

Vendor	QTY (Gallons)	Cost per Gallon	Total
Straight-Line Striping	900	\$17.72	\$15,948.00

To come from Line Item #9-002-601-5215

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the bid from Straight-Line Stripping for a total of \$15,948.00. Line number for this expense is 9-002-601-5215. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Memorandum of Understanding between Ford County & the City of Dodge City 2019

Rex Beemer, Ford County Emergency Manager presented for approval the Memorandum of Understanding between Ford County and the City of Dodge City. The MOU is for during times of disaster whether natural or man-made, the parties will cooperate to make available locations for shelters, command centers, and/or food and supplies distribution facilities. This is to be reviewed every four years. Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs has reviewed the MOU.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the MOU between Ford County and the City of Dodge City. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Community Facilities Advisory Board (CFAB): September 25, 2019 @ 6 pm, City Commission Chambers

Kansas Legislative Policy Group 2019 Annual Meeting: October 3 & 4 Comfort Inn/City Limits Convention Center, 2225 S. Range, Colby, Kansas

SW Kansas Association of Counties Annual Meeting: October 9, 2019 Gray Co 4 H & Recreation Center, 17002 US Hwy 50, Cimarron, KS

KNRC: September 26, 2019 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Kansas State Extension Office in Garden City, KS

Executive Session-Discussions Acquisition of Real Estate Exception

Chairman Tasset moved to recess into executive session to discuss 310 Gunsmoke, Dodge City, Kansas, pursuant to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). To begin at 4:30 p.m. The open meeting to resume in this location at 4:50 p.m. In addition, the Commissioner, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator and County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 4:50 p.m. No action taken

Adjournment

Commissioner Boys moved to adjourn at 4:51 p.m. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk