

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF September 16, 2019
MEETING NUMBER 2019-32
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:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Chris Boys, Commissioner (Absent)

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Ford County Fair Association

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 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 16, 2019
MEETING NUMBER 2019-33
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. Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Ft. Dodge 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 (Absent)

Chairman Tasset moved to add an Executive Session to the agenda and place it as the first Executive Session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Public Hearing

Chairman Tasset opened the public hearing for the Ford County 2020 Budget, at 3:33 pm. There were no comments made, at 3:34 pm., Chairman Tasset Closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Ford County 2020 budget as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Public Hearing

Chairman Tasset opened the public hearing for the Rural Fire District 2020 Budget at 3:34 pm. There were no comments made, at 3:35 Chairman Tasset Closed the Public Hearing for the Rural Fire District 2020 Budget.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Rural Fire District 2020 Budget as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting–2019-30; 2019-31

Approval of Additions & Apatements-2018 PP \$-60.48; 2017 PP \$093.32

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$376,409.46

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the claims for payment of \$376,409.46. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Open Public Comment

Sheriff Bill Carr announced K9 (Kyra) would be retiring in the near future and a replacement K9 (Brody) will be coming from the Boston Police Department in a few weeks.

Ford County Administrator, JD Gilbert, announced that Emergency Manager Rex Beemer was selected as the New Emergency Manager of the year. Official notice will be given at a later meeting.

Unfinished Business-None

Legal Counsel–None

County Administrator’s Report

Engineer Report

Ford County Engineer, Jon Halbgewachs reported that KDOT has opened up a new source of funding called the Cost Share program. With the Commissioners, approval would like to apply for Cost Share funds for two of the three top priority road the commission was wanting to repair next few years. It is recommended the County propose to put up at least 25 percent of the construction cost and request KDOT to provide the remainder. KDOT will only participate in the cost of construction. All other cost are 100 percent County, with KDOT providing a substantial percentage of the construction cost, it is believed the county could have enough funds to get two of the priorities constructed in one year. The Cost Share applications are due October 11, 2019.

Mr. Halbgewachs also gave an update on the KDOT Local Consult meeting held in Dodge City on August 28, 2019.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs to apply for the Cost Share program with KDOT. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Agreement between Ford County and Menard Consulting, Inc. GASB)

HR Director Pat Heeke, is asking for approval of an agreement between Ford County and Menard Consulting, Inc. Menard Consulting, Inc. has been Ford County’s vendor for the predecessor GASB 45 actuarial.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the agreement between Ford County and Menard Consulting, Inc. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Mobile Device Stipend-County Attorney/Paralegal Position

HR Director Pat Heeke is requesting for the Ford County Attorney a \$40.00 mobile stipend for a new position of a paralegal.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the \$40.00 mobile stipend for the paralegal position in the Ford County Attorney’s office. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Sheriff's Office-Eaton Corporation/UPS Service Agreement

Ford County Sheriff, Bill Carr presented for approval a three year UPS Service agreement with Eaton Corporation for services they provide the detention center.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the three-year service agreement with Eaton Corporation for UPS Service. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Sheriff Office-Bid Results/ Police Package Vehicle (PPV)

Sheriff Bill Carr presented the bids that were received for a police package vehicle. He received three bids.

Lopp Motors Inc. bid is \$32,326 for a 2020 Dodge Durango pursuit AWD with a 3 to 4 month estimated delivery date.

Lewis Chevy bid is \$38,077 for a 2020 Chevy Tahoe 4WD pursuit with a 10-12 week estimated delivery date.

TCS bid is \$36, 552.25 for a 2020 Chevy Tahoe 4WD pursuit with a delivery date of one (1) week.

The Ford County Sheriff's Office recommends going with the bid from TCS.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the bid from TCS for \$36,552.25 for a 2020 Chevy Tahoe 4WD. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Noxious Weed-Bid Results/Commercial Mower x 2

Noxious Weed Director, Dave Nichols presented the bid results for two commercial mowers. He received (3) three bids.

KanEquip Inc. -Kaboto F3990- \$26,880.00 each included 1year full machine warranty total \$53,760.00. Optional warranty/cost 2 year no hour limit \$1300.00 Total with Optional Warranty \$56,360.00. MET SPECS-YES

American Implement, Inc.-John Deere 1570 Terrain Cut-\$27,696.53 each included 24 MO Front Traction and Deck, Optional Warranty/Cost-48 MO/1200 HR \$840.00. Total \$55,393.06. Total with Optional Warranty \$57,073.12 PER BID. MET SPECS-NO

Moridge Manufacturing, Inc. Grasshopper 900D- \$19,081.70 + (\$18,916.50=\$165.20 parts) included 2 year parts and labor, 1 year parts (Engine Covered by Manuf.) Optional Warrant/Cost N/A- Total \$38,163.40. Total with Optional Warranty N/A. MET SPECS-NO

Mr. Nichols is recommending approval of the KanEquip Inc. bid with the Optional Warranty/Cost of 1300.00 for a total of \$56,360.00, to come from line number 9-041-202-5431.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the bid from KanEquip Inc. for \$56,360.00. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Noxious Weed-Request to Sell at Auction

Noxious Weed Director Dave Nichols requested approval to sell at auction 2) tractors & 2) mowers.

Chairman Tasset moved to table this until the next meeting. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Road & Bridge- Request for Bids/ Pickup Trucks

Road and Bridge Superintendent, Chris O'Neal requested approval to go to bids on 5) new pick-up trucks. Purchase will come out of line number 004-903-5431.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Road and Bridge to go to bids for five new pick-ups. The purchase to come from line number 004-903-5431. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Road and Bridge-Request to Sell at Auction

Road and Bridge Superintendent is requesting approval to sell at auction 5) pick-up trucks at auction.

Chairman Tasset moved to table this until the next meeting. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Election Office-Canvass for November 5, 2019 General Election

Ford County Clerk/Election Officer, Debbie Cox is asking for a date for the Canvass of the November 5, 2019 Election, she does have to publish the date. Starting this year the state is requiring a post-election audit be done after each election, audit must be done before the canvass. The audit will be November 8, 2019. Would like to have the canvass November 13 or 14. KAC is that week and if the Commissioners are going to KAC they can appoint someone to take their place on the Board of Canvassers. Chairman Tasset stated he would be going to KAC.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Canvass on November 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0**

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

State of the City Dodge City: October 30, 2019 11:30 am. to 1:00 pm. Boothill Conference Center

Executive Session-Preliminary Discussions Acquisition of Real Estate Exception

Chairman Tasset moved the Board to recess into executive session at 4:35 pm. to discuss matters related to the Valley Road bridge pursuant to the attorney-client exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Meeting to resume in this location at 4:50 pm.

In addition to the Commissioner, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, County Engineer, Road and Bridge Superintendent and County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commission returned to regular session at 4:50 pm.

Chairman Tasset moved the Board to recess into return to executive session at 4:40 pm. to discuss matters related to the Valley Road bridge pursuant to the attorney-client exception to the Kansas Open Meeting Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The Meeting to resume in this location at 5:10 pm.

In addition to the Commissioner, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, County Engineer, Road and Bridge Superintendent and County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commission returned to regular session at 5:10 pm. No action taken.

Executive Session-Sheriff's Office /Agreement

Chairman Tasset moved the Board recess into executive session at 5:10 pm to discuss lease agreements for vehicles operated by the Ford County Sheriff's Department during undercover investigations pursuant to the matters relating to security measures exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12). The open meeting to resume in this location at 5:20 pm.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, Ford County Sheriff, and County Counselor, should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commission returned to regular session at 5:20 pm. No action taken

Executive Session-Attorney/Client Privilege

Chairman Tasset moved the Board recess into executive session at 5:20 pm. to discuss joining pending 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 5:35 pm.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistance County Administrator, Sheriff, and County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 5:35 pm. No action taken

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 5:37 p.m. The open meeting to resume in this location at 5:50 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 2-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 5:50 p.m.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve pursuing a contract to purchase the property at 310 Gunsmoke in Dodge City. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk