

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF September 21, 2020
MEETING NUMBER 2020-38
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

J.D. Gilbert, 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.

Chairman Boys moved to amend the agenda: change the claims for payment to \$325,963.99; add to Open Public Comment, Iron Star Wind Project –Presentation; add as the new #10 on the Administrators report, Sheriff Office: Emergency Vehicle Purchase. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Hearing

Chairman Boys opened the public hearing for the 2021 Ford County Budget. Having no public comment, Chairman Boys closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Tasset stated his views are the same regarding the 2 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the employees; that he is not in favor of.

Chairman Boys moved to adopt the 2021 Ford County Budget as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Tasset voted no.

Rural Fire District 2021 Budget

Chairman Boys opened the public hearing for the 2021 Rural Fire District Budget. Having no public comment, Chairman Boys closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Tasset stated his view are the same regarding the 2 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the employees; he is not in favor of the increase.

Chairman Boys moved to adopt the 2021 Rural Fire District Budget as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Tasset voted no.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meetings: 2020-36: 2020-37

Approval of Additions & Abatements: 2019 RE \$-169.08: 2017 \$-1,241.88

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$325,963.99

Chairman Boys moved to approve the payment of claims for \$325,963.99. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Open Public Comment

Scott Vander Hamm with Young Guns, presented some ideas that he would like to see done with the upgrade in the dirt side of the Expo Center.

Kevin Salzman, Ford County Attorney introduced a new Assistant County Attorney, Eliza Kassebaum.

Representatives from Iron Star wind project presented a short video of the projects they have done in other states and counties. They also had questions regarding the agreements with the County.

Chairman Boys stated they would be meeting with legal counsel the next day to go over the agreements.

Unfinished Business**Expo: Proposal**

This item was tabled from the 2020-37 meeting. Danielle Crouch, manager of the Western State Bank Expo Center, presented a proposal for the dirt side of the Expo Center to make it safer for the spectators and to provide ADA space. Commissioner Tasset asked if this could be changed at any time, if it needed to be. MS. Crouch stated 'Yes, it could be changed at any time.'

Commissioner Snook moved to table this. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the proposal for the Western State Bank Expo Center project regarding the public gathering area, with a notation 'changes can be made at a later time.' Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted no.

Legal Counsel-none**County Administrator's Report**

StandGuard Aquatics Management Agreement

Troy Brown, Dodge City Parks & Recreation and Melissa McCoy, Dodge City, presented the second extension of the management agreement with StandGuard Aquatics. StandGuard manages the Lagoon.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the second extension Management Agreement with StandGuard Aquatics. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Western State Bank Expo Center Expansion Project-Change Order #1

Dana Williamson presented Change Order #1 for the Expansion of the Western State Bank Expo Center. They are asking to add 12 days to the contract for the contractor. This is due to some redesign of the extension because of things that were not known until the contractors got to that area.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Change Order #1 of the Expansion Project at the Western State Bank Expo Center. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-1.**

Human Resources: Payroll Tax Deferral

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs, and Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Ford County Assistant County Administrator discuss the payroll tax deferral program.

Commissioner Tasset moved to opt out of the Payroll Tax Deferral program. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning & Zoning: Rezone & Conditional Use/ Development Permit/ 10888-112 Road

County Administrator J.D. Gilbert asked that this be tabled until the next meeting so that more information can be gathered.

Commissioner Tasset moved that item 4, Rezone & Conditional Use / Development Permit / 10888-112 Road be tabled until the next commission meeting. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

SFTCC: FY21 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget

SFTCC Director Pat Klecker presented for approval the FY21 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the FY21 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

SFTCC: FY21 Juvenile Carryover Reimbursement Budget

SFTCC Director Pat Klecker presented for approval the FY21 Juvenile Carryover Reimbursement Budget.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the FY21 Juvenile Carryover Reimbursement Budget. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Kansas Association of Counties: Governing Board/ Rural Designee

Ford County Clerk, Debbie Cox, discussed correspondence received from KAC regarding the 2-year term of a rural designee to the KAC Governing Board.

Commissioner Snook move to appoint Commissioner Tasset. Motion died for lack of a second.

Southwest Kansas Association of Counties

Ford County Clerk. Debbie Cox presented a letter from Mark Horchem, President of the SW Kansas Association of Counties. The letter is about dissolution of the organization as there have been several counties who withdrew from the Association. The officers feel that all 19 counties should have a full vote as to the decision to disband. Ford County has paid the dues for 2020.

Kansas county Association Multiline Pool-Voting Delegate & Alternate

The Kamp annual meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via Zoom. If the voting delegates have not changed, no action will need to be taken. Currently, the Voting Delegate is Shawn Tasset with the Alternate Voting Delegate as Brenda Pogue.

Sheriff Emergency Vehicle Purchase

Sheriff Carr stated a vehicle was involved in an accident which totaled it. He is asking permission to purchase a replacement vehicle.

Commissioner Tasset moved to allow Sheriff Carr to purchase a replacement emergency vehicle. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

CFAB: 6:00 pm. Wednesday, September 23, 2020, City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall

KAC Annual Conference: October 13-15, 2020; Virtual Meeting

The League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference: October 13-16, 2020 Virtual Meeting

CEDBR Dodge City Regional Economic Outlook Conference: 11:00-2:00 PM, Friday, October 23, 2020 @ United Wireless Arena-4100 West Comanche Street, Dodge City, KS

Break for 5 Minutes.

Executive Sessions

Chairman Boys moved the Board recess into executive session to discuss the Iron Star Wind project conditional use permit and contract negotiations 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 5:25 pm.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator and the County Counselor, County Road and Bridge Superintendent should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Tasset second the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Regular meeting resumed at 5:25 pm. No action announced.

Chairman Boys moved the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters related to the 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 5:45 pm. In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator and the County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Regular meeting resumed at 5:45 pm. No action announced.

Adjournment

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 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