

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES  
JOINT CITY/COUNTY**

**October 2, 2017**

**MEETING NUMBER 2017-40**

**Ford County Rose Room**

**5:30 p.m.**



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The Board of County Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the City of Dodge City, at the Ford County Government Center in the Rose Room, on October 2, 2017

County Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order

Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Ken W Snook Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

City Commissioners present were Mayor Rick Sowers, Commissioner Brian Delzeit, Commissioner Jan Scoggins, Commissioner Kent Smoll, and Commissioner Joyce Warshaw.

## **Reports**

### **Communications Update**

Elliot Linke, Communications Director, reported the new radio system is up and going, but still working on some bugs. The phone system has been rebuilt; the computer aided dispatching system server has been installed, the emergency notification system has been worked out and is working. The soft date to move into the new facility has been moved, the logistics has caused the delay. Once the logistics have been worked out, he will announce the date of the move. Communications is now fully staffed.

### **Progress Reports for Organizational Funding**

Melissa McCoy, Assistant to the City Manager, Project Development Coordinator, presented the summary of the 2017 organizational funding progress reports. Dodge City Area Arts Council, was awarded a total of \$11,375, they have remaining unused funds of \$3,688.56 with payment of utilities and insurance for remainder of 2017 pending. Dodge City Roundup Rodeo was awarded \$34,640, with \$11,900 remaining unused fund pending, Roundup is requesting to utilize unused funds for an alternate request which include additional electrical supply to new sound building. Replacing slide gates in livestock pens, and plumbing repairs. At the CFAB meeting they did recommend the utilization of those funds for the requested us. Ms. McCoy will be asking for the joint boards

approval for the requested alternate use of the Roundup funds. Dodge City Trail of Fame, was awarded \$25,800.00, \$6,250 remaining unused funds, with projects pending payments for Charlie Mead. Ford County Historical Society, awarded \$14,260 with \$3,425 remaining, projects pending, use of matching funds for Heritage Trust Fund grant for Home of Stone repairs. Thunder on the Plains, \$10,000 to secure air show. \$10,000 remaining unused funds, projects pending: entire project pending, no funds have been allocated yet. Young Guns \$13,925 awarded with \$1,920 remaining, projects pending, two rodeos pending November 11-12 and December 2-3, 2017.

Ms. McCoy is asking for approval for Dodge City Roundup to use unused funds for an alternate request as stated. There was no objection for that from either the City or the County.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Turf Update**

Paul Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the progress of the installation of the new turf at Legends field. The bids came in over what was approved. Approval was given to go ahead on contagion of the College and USD 443 agreeing to contribute to the work. The USD 443 had agreed, and have now drawn up and agreement with the College.

### **New Business**

#### **Pledge Agreement for Star Bonds**

City Manager, Cherise Tieben, presented for approval a pledge agreement for Star Bonds project. Through the approval of this agreement, the County will join the City in contributing the increment of general use sales tax to the repayment of the Star Bonds and the County will contribute not more than \$760,860 of their share of incremental property tax to the repayment of the Star Bonds, or their share of property taxes for a period of 15 years, whichever comes first. This is for Area 1 as defined in the agreement, that includes the 3.1 acres they have acquired, and the church and lots from Farm Credit. Commissioner Snook stated the agreement he was given on Thursday states \$1,521,720 that the county would pay. County's Legal County Mr. Glenn Kerbs stated the contract has been corrected to be \$760,860. Ms. Tieben stated that if it goes about the \$1,521,720 the City would be responsible for the overage.

County Commissioner Boys moved to approve the Pledge Agreement for Star Bonds. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted no.

City Commissioner Smoll moved to approve the County's agreement to the Pledge. Commissioner Warshaw seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approve 2018 CFAB Organizational Funding Application and funding match requirements**

Assistant to the City Manager/Project Development Coordinator, Melissa McCoy, presented for approval the 2018 Organizational Funding application. The changes to the funding applications were based on discussions with the joint commissions during the 2017 approval process.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 2018 CFAB Organizational Funding Application and funding match requirements. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

City Commissioner Scoggins moved to approve the 2018 CFAB Organizational Funding Application and funding match requirements. Commissioner Warshaw seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

### **Amended agreement with Triple T Promotions**

Assistant to the City Manager/Project Development Coordinator, Melissa McCoy, presented for approval the amendment to Triple T Promotions agreement for the DCRP. Triple T Promotions, Receives a subsidy for all events, both major and local. The current subsidy for 2018 is \$190,000. However, the DCRP operator has approached the City due to financial concerns sparked by a drop in the number of racers and spectators. This amendment would change the current subsidy at the DCRP from \$190,000 to \$250,000. This is based on a schedule featuring seventeen nights of racing which includes the World of Outlaws, Sprint Car Nationals and a Demolition Derby. The change to the agreement would increase the current subsidy by \$60,000. This number is contingent on the World of Outlaws show signing for the 2018 season. If the World of Outlaws show is not secured then the increase would be lowered by \$25,000 to \$35,000.

County Commissioner Boys asked if the \$60,000 increase that the DCRP is asking for could be better used by another entity, such as the Lagoon. City Commissioner Delzeit stated that the low numbers are not something only this track is facing it is nationwide. They will have to think about what to do with the track if this continues. Tommy Estes, the promoter, has been very good with this track and Commissioner Delzeit stated we should give him a chance to increase the attendance. Maybe see what next year will bring, if the World of Outlaws sign, then reevaluate the track at that time.

Commissioner Smoll agreed, stating that the World of Outlaws when here last was a big draw.

City Commissioner Smoll moved to approve the Amendment to Triple T Promotions agreement for the DCRP. Commissioner Scoggins seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Amendment to Triple T Promotions agreement for the DCRP. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **2018 “Why Not Dodge Sales” Tax Budget**

Nannette Pogue, Finance Director/City Clerk, presented for approval the 2018 “Why Not Dodge Sales” Tax Budget. (See attached).

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the 2018 “Why Not Dodge Sales” tax budget. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

City Commissioner Warshaw moved to approve the 2018 “Why Not Dodge Sales” tax budget. Commissioner Smoll seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Shared Road Agreement**

City Manager, Cherise Tieben, presented for approval the Shared Road Agreement. After some discussion, the commissioners each had questions on the annexation for which roads or parts of roads the agreement is about, if they are county roads or township roads.

Chairman Tasset moved to table approval of this agreement until

**Upcoming Meetings**

Monday, December 4, 2017 5:30 pm- Joint Commission Meeting-City Commission Chambers, City Hall

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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

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**Shawn Tasset, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Cox, County Clerk**