

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION OF November 6, 2017**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2017-43**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**2:30 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

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Tasset opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and reminded those in attendance that no action would be taken.

**K-State Research and Extension – Extension Districting**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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

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**Shawn Tasset, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Cox, County Clerk**

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF November 6, 2017**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2017-44**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**3:35 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:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Pastor, Justin Hayes, Nazarene Church Led the group in prayer. Chairman Tasset then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes from Meeting 2017-41; 2017-39; 2017-42

Arrowhead West, Inc.-Letter of Support

Application for CMB License-Western State Bank Expo Center

Application for CMB License- Triple T Promotion/Dodge City Raceway

Application for CMB License- Buehne Oil/David Buehne

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Approval of Claims for Payment: \$758,488.33**

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the claims for payment for \$758,488.33. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Open Public Comment -None**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Ford County Survey/Kevin Noll –Corner Stone**

At the October 16, 2017, meeting #2017-42, Kevin Noll with A TO Z Land Surveying, talked to the board about finding a corner stone. This was tabled at that time for the commissioners to look at statues regarding corner stones. Mr. Noll is back after presenting statutes regarding corner stones. Mr. Noll stated that he could not find any record that the Horseshoe Road and 126 Road was ever surveyed. The books are here but there is not a record for that Road. He cannot do the survey without finding the corner stones. He will have to dig up the asphalt road in places to find the corner stone.

Chairman Tasset asked about statute 19-1430. Chairman Tasset stated this statute does not have any provisions that requires the county to reestablish the corner once it has been covered. There is no up side for the county to do this. Commissioner Snook asked why he could not use the west and south corner stones to locate this one. Mr. Noll said he is not asking for the county to pay for any thing just for signage. Commissioner Boys and Commissioner Snook stated that is not what they understood from the last meeting. Mr. Noll stated that he would go to his client and draw up a contract if that is what the commissioners would like, stating what the county would be responsible for. The commissioners agreed they would like to see a contract or agreement. Chairman Tasset stated the county also needs to establish a policy for this going forward.

Commissioner Boys moved to table this and to have Mr. Noll work with the Administrator to bring back a contract or agreement for the commissioners to look at before approval. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Legal Counsel- None**

### **County Administrator's Report**

#### **DACA Community Letter of Support**

Melissa McCoy, City of Dodge City, is asking the Commissioners support in sending a letter to Senator Pat Roberts, in full support of proposals that would allow individuals to obtain permanent residency and a pathway to citizenship. DACA recipients are immigrants that have arrived in the United States before the age of 16, and must have resided here continually since 2012. In addition, the recipients had to have been enrolled in or have completed high school, they must not have been convicted of a serious crime, and they were found to not have presented a threat to national security or public safety. Chairman Tasset stated this letter of support as presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph were it states "that 68% of American voters across the political spectrum" he feels that this turns it into a political issue; where it is a very emotional and an individual issue, and that an elected board should not take a stand on this. Commissioner Snook stated he agrees with Chairman Tasset. Ms. McCoy asked if that paragraph were removed from the letter would he sign it. Chairman Tasset stated yes if that was taken out he would support it. Commissioner Boys stated he liked the letter without the third paragraph.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve and sign the letter of support with the third paragraph removed from this letter. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Resolution No. 2017-20 Pioneer Creek Wind Extension**

Mark Shriwise, Planning and Zoning Director, presented for approve **Resolution No 2017-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN GRANTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE "PIONEER CREEK WIND PROJECT" IN FORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ON REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PIONEER CREEK WIND PROJECT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION.**

Chairman Tasset Moved to approve Resolution 2017-20 **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN GRANTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE "PIONEER CREEK WIND PROJECT" IN FORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ON REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PIONEER CREEK WIND PROJECT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION.**

Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Human Resources- Early Retirement Request**

Pat Heeke, HR Director, presented an application for early retirement. This person will have meet the requirements for early retirement at their anticipated retirement date.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the early retirement request. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Human Resources -Direct Care Clinic Provider**

Pat Heeke, HR Director, stated she has went out for proposals. She had three ask for proposals only two returned their proposals. Out of the two only one, met the requirements of the proposal. Commissioner Boys asked if she had paper work on this for them to look at. Ms. Heeke stated Mr. Kerbs, had some revisions that he was making and the provider agreed to meet those revisions, Mr. Kerbs is still working on that. Commissioner Snook asked how much this cost. Ms. Heeke stated there is a flat member ship. This will cover family members that are not on our insurance. It calculates out to be \$34 per person per month. Commissioner Boys would still like to look at the plan. Ms. Heeke asked if they wanted to look at the first plan or the plan that Mr. Kerbs is revising. Commissioner Boys stated the first one is fine. Commissioner Snook agreed.

Commissioner Boys moved to table this until the commission can look at the plan. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Human Resources- Life Insurance Renewal**

Pat Heeke, HR Director, presented for approval, US Life & Security Company for the year 2018. This is the second year that the county is with them so the premium rate stayed flat.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the life insurance renewal with US Life & Security Company. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Human Resources- Health Insurance Renewal**

Pat Heeke, HR Director, presented the 2018 options for Health Insurance renewal. She is recommending Option 1 with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. With an Estimated Total Monthly Cost of \$50,902, estimated total annual coast of \$610,822. This will be an 18 month contract. This will have an 18 month deductible. This annual amount could go down. Commissioner Boys asked why would we go with this option, that is more than some of the other options? Ms. Heeke stated that the others have lasers on them. That means that they will not cover some of our employees until they meet a very high deductible for those three employees. Blue Cross and Blue Shield does not have that.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Option 1 with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for an Estimated Total Monthly Cost of \$50,902 and an Estimated Total Annual Cost of \$610,822. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Landfill Building Replacement-Change Order #1**

Brian Marshall, Building Solutions, presented Change Order #1 the amount of \$23,404.80. #1. Remove 640 ton of unstable soil at building approaches and replace with imported compacted LVC fill material: \$9,300.00 #2 Provide 900 SF of 8" thick concrete paving with #6 WWF at exterior building approaches: \$6,750.00. #3 Construct new 6" monolithic slab/ foundation for Generator Building and move existing generator Building to new location approximately 15' east of present location \$2,394.00. # 4 Remove and replace existing water line discovered 5' outside of building at the East Side. Install new 2" Water line with a connection to building \$ 2,278.00 #5 Extend a buried gas line from existing propane slab to the relocated Generator building \$1,000.00 #6, Extend new electrical line to generator building, install panel receptacle, \$750.00 # 8 Deduct placement of skid beams at building floors and all new approaches \$2,120.00. Subtotal amount: \$20,352.00 15% markup per contract: \$3,052.80 for total this change order \$23,404.80. Original Contract Amount \$385,000.00 New Contract Total including this change order \$431,809.60. Commissioner Snook stated the total on the change order does not add up. The total should be \$408,404.80. Mr. Marshall stated there must have been an error in the spreadsheet formula, he will get that corrected.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Change Order #1 when it reflects \$408,404.60. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried. 3-0.**

### **KCAMP-Rate Stabilization Program**

County Administrator, J.D. Gilbert, presented KCAMP rate stabilization program. The KCAMP Board of Trustees has approved a renewal of the three-year rate stabilization program. Effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. Mr. Gilbert is asking if the commissioners want to continue to participate in the Rate Stabilization Program.

Commissioner Boys moved to continue participation in the KCAMP Rate Stabilization Program. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Emergency Communications-United Wireless Collocation Lease**

Elliot Linke, Communications Director, presented for approval the United Wireless Collocation Lease. This lease is between Ford County and United Wireless and is an extension on the lease for the Bucklin site. This lease does run \$1,800 per year.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the United Wireless Collocation Lease. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Off-System Bridge Program**

Chris O'Neal, Road and Bridge Director, Ford County had applied for from KDOT for FFY 2019 a grant for the Off-System Bridge Program. Ford County Off-System Bridge #56 was selected for this funding. This is to remove a deficient bridge from the National Bridge Inventory and replace it with a new bridge. Off-System Bridge #56 is located 2.6 miles south and 3.0 miles west of Ford. The bridge is on Valley Road between 122 Road and 123 Road and is spanning Mulberry Creek. Project cost estimate is \$879,964 Cost. Ford County will be \$241,360. Mr. O'Neal is asking the commission to sign KDOT Form 1302.

Chairman Tasset moved to sign KDOT form 1302. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted no.

**Kansas Natural Resource Coalition and Pacific Legal Foundation**

Chairman Tasset, stated the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition is seeking opportunity to support litigation brought forth by the Pacific Legal Foundation against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. This law suit is to give counties a chance to negotiate any rules on the endanger species list.

Chairman Tasset moved to participate in this. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Special Meeting/Canvass of Votes State Time**

A meeting time needs to be set for the Canvass of Votes of the November 7, 2017 General Election. The canvass must take place on the Monday following the election between 8:00 and 10:00 am. Commissioner Boys stated that he could do it at 8:00.

Commissioner Boys moved to canvass the votes on November 13, 2017 at 8:00 am. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Special Meeting for Canvass of Votes: November 13,2017.

Kansas Association of Counties; KAC Annual Conference: November 14-16, 2017, Overland Park, KS

Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties: 5:30 pm., November 14, Overland Park Hotel Convention Center, Lobby Level.

Kansas Association of City/County Management; KACM Annual Conference: November 15-17, 2017 Lenexa, KS

Employee Appreciation Luncheon: December 10,2017 11:00 am.-2:00 pm. Western State Bank Expo Center

**Executive Session-Consultation with the public body’s attorney that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship; regarding Kansas 9-1-1 Coordinating Council.**

Chairman Tasset moved to enter into executive session, in the Commission Chambers at 5:50 pm. for the time of 20 minutes, to reconvene at 6:10 pm. for Attorney-Client Privilege Exception, to discuss the NG911 requirements. To be included, the Commissioners, County Administrator J.D. Gilbert, Assistant County Administrator Shawn Fletcher, in for County Counselor, Attorney Clayton Kerbs, Communication’s Director, Elliot Linke, and Lt. Hunter in for Sheriff Carr, Communications Board Representative, and Fire Chief Rob Boyd.

Commission reconvened at 6:10 pm. Chairman Tasset moved to reenter into executive session for 20 minutes for more discussion on NG 911 with same persons in. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission reconvened at 6:30 pm.  
Chairman Tasset stated no action.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debbie Cox, County Clerk