

# FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF January 2, 2024

MEETING NUMBER 2024-01

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:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman  
Chris Boys, Commissioner  
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator  
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Pastor Jerre Nolte, First United Methodist Church led the prayer followed by Chairman Tasset leading the pledge of allegiance.

## Consent Agenda

**Approval of Claims for Payment:** No Claims at this time.

**Open Public Comment** – Justin Clowdis of Bloom KS has a concern with 118 Road to Saddle Rd, then to the rest stop at Bloom. The road has several potholes that are always washing out. Feels something needs be done since grading them is not keeping them from washing out.

**Unfinished Business- None**

**Legal Counsel – None**

## County Administrator's Report

### Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs reported on projects.

Off-System Bridge 97 replacement-on 134 Road south of Jewell Road, Over Coon Creek- Wheatland Township had expressed concern that a ditch had been cut through an existing plug field entrance southeast of the bridge. Have tried to reach him to discuss the situation but have not gotten any response. There is no ditch just south of where the plug had been located.

Pioneer Creed Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright – Assisting with reviewing and negotiating the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement.

Solar Farms – Boot Hill Solar has submitted their Development Plan to Ford County. Construction is proposed to start in late 2024 or early 2025. Assisting with reviewing and negotiating the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement.

New Business – Bucklin has requested consideration for the installation of STOP signs at the intersection of 31 Road and Wildfire Road. Plan to visit the intersection.

Township meeting has been set for March 20, 2024. Plans to attend.

**Planning & Zoning: Pioneer Creek Update Development Plan**

Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake presented Resolution No. 2024-01 for approval. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PIONEER CREEK WIND PROJECT ON REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A.

Chairman Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Planning & Zoning: Pioneer Creek Expansion**

Planning and Zoning Director Mellissa Drake presented Resolution No. 2024-02 for approval. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PIONEER CREEK WIND PROJECT ON REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A.

Chairman Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No 2024-02 as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Resolution; County Appraiser**

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented Resolution No. 2024-03 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROLINE PETTY COUNTY APPRAISER IN ACCORDANCE WITH K.S.A. 19-430.

Commissioner Boys moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

Annual Symposium & Footing Academy: January 5-10, 2024 Fort Worth, TX  
2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Commission Meeting in 2024: Tuesday, January 6, 2024 @ 3:30 pm  
Community Facility Advisory Board (CFAB); 6:30 pm, January 17, 2024, Municipal Services Building, 100 Chaffin Road.  
Kansas Legislative Policy Group: 2024 Winter Meeting; January 23, 2024, Hotel Topeka  
LKM Local Government Day: Jan. 24, 2024, 2:30 pm, Beacon, 420 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
County Day at the Capital; Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am\_ 2:00 pm. Rotunda. 300 W 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Ribbon Cutting January 6, 2024 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Ford County Fire Station

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

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**Shawn Tasset, Chairman**

**Attested:**

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**Debbie Cox, County Clerk**