

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF January 16, 2024
MEETING NUMBER 2024-02
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. Chairman Tasset leading group in prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Reorganization of Board of County Commission

Elect Chairman

Commissioner Tasset is presently Chairman.

Chairman Tasset moved to elect Commissioner Boys as the Ford County Chairman for 2024. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Elect Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Boys is presently Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Snook moved to elect Commissioner Tasset as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Chairman Boys took over the meeting.

Legal Counsel

Resolution No. 2024-04: Setting the Regular Meeting Dates and Times for the Board

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval. RESOLUTION No. 2024-04 A RESOLUTION SETTING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. This sets the meeting dates as the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, with the 5th Monday, if needed as a meeting date. Times will be work sessions will start at 3:00 pm. and Commission meetings will start at 3:30 pm., unless otherwise announced.

Chairman Boys moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution No. 2024-05: Designating Official Depositories for Funds

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval Resolution No. 2024-05 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-05 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution No. 2024-06: Landmark National Bank Official Depository

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval Resolution No. 2024-06 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LANDMARK NATIONAL BANK AS AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY BANK FOR FUNDS OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution No. 2024-07: A Resolution to Continue an Account in the Municipal Investment Pool

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval Resolution No. 2024-07 A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE AN ACCOUNT IN THE MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT POOL.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution No. 2024-08: Requesting the Director of Accounts and Reports Waive the Requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a)

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented Resolution No. 2024-08 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a(a).

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-08 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Certifications to Landmark National Bank

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the certification to Landmark National Bank for Ford County.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the certification to Landmark National Bank as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Counselor Contract

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs is asking for approval County Counselor Agreement, for Kerbs Law Office to be appointed as County Counselor for Ford County. This would also include Clayton Kerbs and Samantha Sweley as Assistant Ford County Counselors.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the contract between Ford County and Kerbs Law Office as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2023-44: 2024-01

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$1,138,885.73

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the claims for payment as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Open Public Comment

Bryce Barton with Boot Hill Solar thanked the Commissioners, County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, Melissa Drake, Mr. Kerbs and Joann Knight for all the work they did to help make the project go together. Everyone was very easy to work with. It has been great working with everyone.

County Administrator's Report

Joann Knight with Dodge City/Ford County Eco. Development and Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell, spoke on the Cargill IRB project.

Gilmore & Bell / Cargill Expansion

Public Hearing

Chairman Boys moved to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hearing no oral or written comments. Chairman Boys moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution

Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell presented for approval Resolution 2024-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF FORD COUNTY, KANSAS DETERMINING THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING OF AN ADDITION AND TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN AN EXISTING BEEF PROCESSING FACILITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve Resolution 2024-12 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Enabling Resolution

Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell presented for approval Resolution 2024-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL CONTRACT BETWEEN FORD COUNTY, KANSAS AND THE CITY OF DODGE CITY, KANSAS WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR CHILDCARE PURPOSES.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution 2024-13 as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

KWORCC: 2024 Workman’s Compensation Insurance

HR Director Vanesa Avila-Ochoa presented for approval the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties estimated premium invoice for 2024, in the amount of \$121,985.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the 2024 KWORCC premium as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning & Zoning: Boot Hill Solar Project

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval Resolution 2024-09 Conditional use and development Plan for Boot Hill Solar Project.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Pilot Agreement

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the Pilot Agreement for Boot Hill Solar Project. He has prepared two different agreements, one has the Community Projects fund and one does not. The Board needs to decide which they would like to approve.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Pilot Agreement with the Community Projects fund included. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

School District agreement for USD 443

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the USD 443 agreement with Boot Hill Solar Project.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the USD 443 agreement as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Decommissioning Agreement

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the Decommissioning Agreement will Boot Hill Solar LLC and Ford County.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the Decommissioning agreement between Boot Hill Solar and Ford County as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning & Zoning: Stellar Forge Mining Data Center

Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval Resolution No. 2024-10 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF A DEVELOPING A MICRO DATA CENTER CAMPUS ON REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS 11685 126th RD, FORD, KANSAS.

Chairman Boys moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-10 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Communications: Kansas 911 Coordinating Counsel

Communications Director Elliot Linke presented for approval invoice for 2024 Call Handling from Kansas 911 Coordinating Counsel for \$90,600. This is a yearly budgeted item.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the invoice from Kansas 911 Coordinating Counsel for \$90,600. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Communications: Motorola Term 2 Flex Maintenance

Communications Director Elliot Linke presented for approval the 2024 annual invoice from Motorola for service from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024 for \$34,348.83.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the Motorola Term 2 Flex Maintenance invoice for \$34,348.83 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Communications: Quote from Dell

Communications Director Elliot Linke presented for approval the quote from Dell for replacement of 25 computers for \$30,014.75.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the quote from Dell for \$30,014.75 to replace 25 computers. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

SFTCC:

FY24, 2nd Quarter Delinquency Prevention Grant Report-Intake Diversion Program

SFTCC Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the FY24, 2nd Quarter Delinquency Prevention Grant Report Intake Diversion Program.

Commissioner Tasset moved to the FY24, 2nd quarter delinquency prevention grant report-intake diversion program as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

FY24, 2nd Quarter Delinquency Prevention Grant Report – Divert

SFTCC Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the FY24, 2nd Quarter Delinquency Prevention Grant Report – Divert.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the FY24, 2nd Quarter Delinquency Prevention Grant Report – Divert as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

FY24, 2nd Qtr Delinquency Prevention Grant Report-Immediate Intervention Program

SFTCC Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the FY24, 2nd Qtr Delinquency Prevention Grant Report-Immediate Intervention Program.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the FY24, 2nd Qtr Delinquency Prevention Grant Report-Immediate Intervention Program, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management: Disaster Declaration Request

Resolution No. 2024-11 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR FORD COUNTY, KANSAS was presented for approval.

This is for the weather disaster we have been having.

Chairman Boys moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-11 as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Election Clerk: Canvass Schedule March 10 Election

Ford County Election Officer Debbie Cox is asking for a day and time for the March 19 Election Canvass. The canvass for this election must be held within 8 days of the election, but after the audit. The audit will be held March 21, 2024. The canvass must be held no later than March 27, 2024.

Chairman Boys moved to approve March 25 at 9:00 am as the date and time of canvass for the March 19, 2024 election. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Commission: Schedule Change- Presidents ‘Day

February 19, 2024 is Presidents’ Day. The Board will need to set a date and time for the regular 2nd meeting.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve February 20, 2024 at 3:30 pm as the date and time for the 2nd meeting in February. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fireboard Appointments

The Ford Count Commission board needs to appoint themselves as the Ford County Rural Fire District board for 2024.

Commissioner Tasset moved the Ford County Commissioners remain as is on the Ford County Rural Fire District for 2024. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Special Joint Meeting w/KDOT: January 17, 2024 at 6:30 City Municipal Building, 100 Chaffin
Kansas Legislative Policy Group: 2024 Winter Meeting; January 23, 2024, Hotel Topeka
2024 Local Government Day: Jan. 24, 2024, 2;30 pm, Beacon, 420 SW 9th Ave.
County Day at the Capital; Feb. 8th 8:00 am_ 2:00 pm. Rotunda. 300 W 10th St.
NACo Legislative Conference: February 11-14, 2024 Washington DC

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk