

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF April 3, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-14
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 (Absent)
Chris Boys, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Vice Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. He announced no action would be taken.

Kennedy McKee & Company LLP
Employee Health Insurance

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
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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 (Absent)
Chris Boys, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Vice Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Pastor Ryan Ausmus, First Presbyterian Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Vice Chairman Boys who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to amend the agenda. Place under County Administrator's reports # 6, Burn Ban resolution and then Employee Health Insurance. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting: 2023- 10; 2023- 11; 2023-12; 2023-13
Credit Card Statement

Approval of Additions and Abatements: 2020 RP \$-24,901.98; 2021 RP \$-22,250.64; 2022 \$-39,547.26; 2019 Oil & Gas \$15.42; 2021 Oil & Gas\$-.22; 2022 Oil & Gas \$-15.48;
2022 W/C \$54.54

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$292,433.83

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve the claims for payment as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Open Public Comment

Fire Chief Rob Boyd asked to keep Engelwood's Fire Chief in your prayers; he lost his life in an accident last night.

Unfinished Business – None

Legal Counsel

Certification to Landmark National Bank

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

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve the Certification to Landmark National Bank as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

County Administrator's Report

Kennedy McKee & Company LLP

Pat Friess CPA and Chasity Farr CPA with Kennedy McKee & Company LLP, asking for approval of the 2021 audit as presented at the work session review.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve the 2021 audit report as presented.

Pat Friess CPA and Chasity Farr CPA with Kennedy McKee & Company LLP presented the engagement letter for Kennedy McKee & Company LLP for the 2022 audit.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve the engagement letter with Kennedy McKee & Company LLP. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Victory Electric: Donation

CEO Shane Law and Kyndell Penick with Victory Electric announce the donation of a generator to Ford County. Victory Electric had a generator that was not in use, they saw a need for some County buildings. Vice Chairman Boys and Commissioner Snook thanked them for the generator donation.

Ford County Engineer: Bid Results & Recommendations

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented the bits that were received.

Replace 127 Road Low Water Crossing

Two bids were received to replace 127 Road Low Water Crossing.

L&M Construction \$197,665.00

Reece Construction \$235,272.71

Recommended to accept the low bid from L&M.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to accept the low bid from L & M as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Replace Off-System Bridge 98

Two bids were received.

L&M Construction \$304,482.00

Reece Construction \$308,807.99

Recommended to accept the low bid from L&M.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to accept the low bid from L&M as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay over Jewell Road from West side of Wright East to 118 Rd

Two bids were received.

APAC \$442,360.00

KOSS \$543,122.00

Recommended to accept the low bid from APAC.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to accept the low bid from APAC as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs gave an update on the current projects.

Hilmar Chees Plant Roadway Improvements – The contractor is to have started dirt work on March 29. Kirkham Michael has been selected by KDOT to provide inspection of the project.

102 Road from US 50 to Garnett Road – Grant request sent to KDOT

Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021 – Sent an email to APAC insisting on a chip seal of the pavement surface. Still negotiating.

123 Road timber culvert replacement – This project is complete and open to traffic.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright – No updates at this time.

Solar Farm – Planning and zoning has now been notified of three potential solar farms in Ford County.

Grainbelt Express Power line – Invenergy sent a Road Use and Maintenance agreement to the county for review in early 2020.

Biennial routine bridge inspections due in February – Plan to present the inspection report in May.

Compass Behavioral Health: 2023-2024 Emergency Solutions Grant Services Agreement

Nichole Butler presented for signature the ESG service agreement. This is done every year.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve signing the 2023-2024 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement for Compass Behavioral Health. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Road & Bridge Request for Bids

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris O’Neal is requesting to go out for bids on 2) ¾ ton pick-up trucks.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the request for bids as presented. Vice Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Resolution No. 2023-13 Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency in Ford County, Kansas.

Fire Chief Rob Boyd presented Resolution No. 2023-13 to put into place a Burn Ban in for county. This will be in effect until June 5, 2023 unless declaration is further continued or terminated in accordance with K.S.A. 48-932(a).

Commissioner Snook moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency in Ford County, Kansas. Vice Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Pat Heeke HR Director and Vanesa Avila-Ochoa HR Specialist presented for approval the Health Insurance package as discussed in the Work session. IMA recommend to go with Pareto – Meritain CPII as the Heath Insurance.

Vice Chairman Boys moved to approve Pareto Option 2 Meritain with \$100,000 stop loss as recommended by IMA. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

- Landmark Art Project: Lobby of the Gov’t Center April 2023, Reception: April 13, 2023 from 3:00 p, to 5:00 pm
- KS County Commissioners Association Annual Conference: April 25-27, 2023 Hays
- Open Enrollment May 17 & 18, 8-4 pm at Expo Center

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk