

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2025

MEETING NUMBER 2025-16

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
Gary Thomas, Commissioner

Tanda Bartlett, Assistant County Administrator
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve Ormond, First Baptist Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2025-13 & 2024-14
Additions & Abatements: Oil & Gas \$-3,770.91

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$710,218.89

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

Open Public Comment

Clay Sellard, representing Sellard Farms of, Bucklin and Bucklin Schools spoke in favor of the Mako Wind farm project.

Harvey Derstein of Ford, spoke against the Mako Wind farm project.

Unfinished Business - None

Legal Counsel

Road Petition

Mr. Glenn Kerbs, Ford County legal counsel, presented Resolution No. 2025-16 A Resolution To Consider Vacating that part of Chestnut Road between the intersection of 133 Road and Chestnut Road and the intersection of 134 Road and Chestnut Road for approval.

On April 25, 2025, the County Clerk received a road petition to vacate the portion of Chestnut Road from 133 Road to 134 Road. This petition was signed by all land owners adjacent to this road and has been found to be legal. Pursuant to K.S.A. 68-104 the County Commissioners will dispense with viewing the road based upon all adjacent landowners having signed the road petition. Resolution 2025-16 sets the hearing date and time, and directs the Ford County Clerk to give notice of the public hearing. Public Hearing will be set for July 7, 2025 at 3:30 pm, in the Commissioners meeting room.

Chairman Tasset moved to waive the public viewing and authorize the publishing of the notice of public hearing.

Chairman Tasset withdrew his motion.

Chairman Tasset moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16 A Resolution to Consider Vacating that part of Chestnut Road between the intersection of 133 Road and Chestnut Road and the intersection of 134 Road and Chestnut Road, as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

County Administrator's Report

WorkforceOne: Agreement

Deb Scheibler will not be here to present.

Chairman Tasset moved to table this until Ms. Scheibler could be here. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

City of Dodge City: Special Events Center Water Softener

Melissa McCoy, Assistant City Manager, and Kevin Israel, Director of Construction and Facilities, presented the bids for the replacement of the water softener and related plumbing at United Wireless Arena and Boot Hill Casino & Resort Conference Center. Two bids were received.

Culligan - \$57,148

Best Water - \$79,649.88

Construction and Facilities staff recommend the quote from Culligan which includes the cost of the equipment and programming at \$34,650, the plumbing for the softener at \$19,778 and pipe insulation at \$2,720. The total bid is \$57,148. This also includes a warranty on the installation and equipment. This project will be paid out of the "Why Not Dodge" sales tax depreciation and preplacement fund.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the bid from Culligan as presented. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Human Resources: Care To Thrive Contract Extension

HR Director Vanessa Avila-Ochoa presented the Care to Thrive Contract Extension. This extension is for 3 years.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the contract extension with Care to Thrive as presented. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning & Zoning: Mako Wind Project Conditional Use Permit and Agreements

PZ Director Melissa Drake presented for approval Resolution No. 2025-14. A Resolution to Approve a Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan for the purpose of construction and operation of the Mako Wind Project on the real property legally described in exhibit A.

Chairman Tasset move to adopt Resolution 2025-14 as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mr. Glenn Kerbs, Ford County legal counsel, presented for approval the agreements with Mako Wind Farm. There are four agreements with Mako Wind Farm LLC. for approval.

County Contribution Agreement

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

School Donation/Gift Agreement for USD 459, Bucklin

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the School Donation/Gift Agreement for USD 459, Bucklin, as presented. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Decommissioning Agreement

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

Road Use and Maintenance Agreement

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement as presented. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning & Zoning: Resolution to Establish Zoning Regulation Fees

PZ Director Melissa Drake presented Resolution 2025-15 A Resolution to Establish Fees for Permits Established in the Ford County Zoning Regulations and Fees for Services offered by the Ford County Office of Planning, Zoning and Environmental Health.

Chairman Tasset moved to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning, Zoning & Environmental Health: Board Member Extensions

PZ Director Melissa Drake presented Zoning board member term extension for Jolee Chris Coles, Rodney Taylor and Alissa Weece. Their terms are expiring, they have agreed to extensions for 3-years.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 3-year extensions for the board members as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ms. Drake and Mr. Kerbs, also reported that Board Member Angel Romero Jr. has resigned due to moving inside the City of Dodge City limits. The Commissioners will have to appoint a new member. They asked how the commissioners would like to proceed, whether to advertise for the position or choose someone they know. She does have a list of past applications. This person will have to live out in the county.

Chairman Tasset stated advertising and going to the past applications would be the way to go. Ms. Drake stated she will place an add and go through your past applications and provide a list of names for the Commission to consider before the next zoning board meeting July 28th.

Upcoming Meetings

NACO Annual Conference: July 11 – 14, 2025 Philadelphia PA
2nd Regular Board of County Commissioners in June will be June 16, 2025.

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk