

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION OF June 7, 2021**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2021-20**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**3:00 P.M.**



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Those present were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Chris Boys, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

**Western State Bank Expo Center: Tractor Bid Discussion**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 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**

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Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Pastor Dusty Cookson, First Christian Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting: 2021- 17; 2021-18; 2021-19

Credit Card: May Statement

Additions & Abatements: 2020 16/20m's \$-80.66

Fireworks License: J. Day Fireworks, LLC x 2

Cereal Malt Beverage License; Temp: Edgar Jacobs

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

## Approval of Claims for Payment: \$918,434.34

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

**Open Public Comment** – None

## Unfinished Business

### Kirkham Michael: Comprehensive Traffic Impact Study

This was tabled from Meeting No. 2021-18. Board requested the traffic impact study include multiple days.

County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for Kirkham Michael, the modified contract for the additional services. This will include 24-hour traffic data for three days. The total cost will be \$27,750.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Comprehensive Traffic Impact Study by Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Legal Counsel** – None

## **County Administrator's Report**

### **Ford County Engineer Report**

County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented updates he has been working on.

Paved Road Reclamation (Jewell Road) - APAC is behind 2-3 weeks due to wet weather. They are tentatively planning to start mid to late June.

Iron Star Wind Farm w / Engie – Work has been hampered by continuous rainfall. The contractors have been erecting wind tower components, working on road upgrades east of US-283, constructing the O&M building, and constructing the electrical substation. Was advised that 4” of aggregate was placed on 113 Road between Tillman and Saddle Roads to address the sloppy surface. They have finished hauling aggregate from Hodgeman County.

ITC Saddle Switch Yard – The contractors continue with dirt work, hauling fill dirt from the south. The contractor is supposed to be maintaining 117 Road while they haul dirt.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright – NextEra has indicated they may seek to get with the County this summer to preliminarily evaluate potential haul routes.

Grainbelt Express Power Line - Developer has advised that they have pushed off the proposed state of construction from early 2022 to early 2023, with completion by end of 2025.

US Highway 50 expansion west of Dodge City – Relocation of utilities has begun.

KDOT Cost Share Funding Application – Kirkham Michael submitted a funding application to reclaim 102 Road from US – 50 (Howell), north to Garnett, but it was not selected. There will be another application time in the fall, will resubmit again then.

New Business: Chris O'Neal the Road and Bridge Superintendent discussed future pavement reclamations and replacements in Ford County. The current priority list is Jewell Road from 118 to 126 Road, 102 Road from US – 50 to Garnett Road, and 113 Road from W. Wyatt Earp to US – 50. Garnett West, from 100 to 110 Road, 117 Road from US 50 to Saddle Road, 132 Road from US 50 to Jewell Road, Jewell Road east end 126 to 136 Road, and 110 from Iron Road to Garnett Road.

Will be looking at the low water washout on 127 road and advice on costs for improvements.

### **Road & Bridge: Request for Bids / Dump Trucks x 2**

Chris O'Neal Road and Bridge Superintendent requested to go out for bids on (2) two dump trucks with complete snowplow and salt / sand spreader systems. He would like to either go for bids or see if he could piggyback with the State contract. He has been told could take up to two years for delivery of trucks. He is not sure the state has the trucks available right away with the upgrades or not. He would like to explore this option.

Chairman Tasset moved to authorize Chris O'Neal to go out for bids for two dump trucks and also research the option with the state contract of their delivery times. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Western State Bank Expo Center: Bid Results / Tractor**

Western State Bank Expo Manager Danielle Crouch and Jessica Lewis, Office Manager, presented the Tractor bids. Two bids were received.

American Implement Model: 5115R, 115 HP Engine: Bid Price: \$87,862.48, Extended Warranty: 60 Months/2,000 hours \$1,640.00, Total Price: \$89,502.48. Delivery Date, Immediate  
Kan Equip: Model: Case Farmall 120U, Engine: 120HP, Bid Price: \$99,750.00, Extended Warranty: 60 months/5000 hours \$6,668.00, Total Price: \$106,418.00, Delivery Date: Pending Dealer transfer.

Recommendation is American Implement for \$89,502.48.

Commissioner Boys moved to accept the bid from American Implement for \$89,502.48 as recommended. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Western State Bank Expo Center: Request to Sell at Auction**

Manager Danielle Crouch is requesting to sell at auction the John Deere Tractor, roping chutes and misc. other items.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve to sell at auction the Tractor, roping chutes and the other misc. items as requested. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Sheriff Bill Carr: Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board**

Sheriff Carr is requesting board approval of his appointment to the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board. He is currently on the board and would like to continue to serve on the board.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the appointment of Sheriff Bill Carr to the Southwest Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Sheriff's Office: Request of Bids / Detention Vehicle**

Ford County Undersheriff Dale Colman for the Sheriff's Office is requesting to go to bid for up to 3 detention vehicles.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the request for bids on up to 3 detention vehicles for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Southwest Kansas Association of Counties**

President of Southwest Kansas Association of Counties would like to hold a zoom meeting in July. There are 11 counties left in the group. He would like one person appointed from each county to vote for the county. Should we dissolve or stay together and rebuild the organization? If dissolved how we distribute the funds we have in the treasury.

Commissioner Snook moved to appoint Chairman Tasset as the spokesperson for the meeting and to stay together in the organization. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion and he would be willing to be the second person if Chairman Tasset could not attend the meeting.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Kansas Natural Resource Coalition: Update**

Chairman Tasset gave an update on KNRC activities. Discussion on the status of prairie chicken was given. The dues will be increased back to \$5,000.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Kansas County Commissioners Assoc.: Annual Conference June 8-10, 2021 at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal, KS 67901

Ford County Fair: July 22-26, 2021

National Association of Counties, (NACo) Annual Conference & Exposition; July 9-12, 2021. Prince George's County, MD (Virtual and in-person)

### **Executive Session**

#### **Matters Deemed Privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship**

Chairman Tasset moved the board recess into executive session for 10 minutes, to discuss a zoning matter pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting to resume in this location at 5:10 p.m.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, County Counselor, and Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board returned to regular session, Chairman Tasset stated no action taken.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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**ATTEST:**

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