

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF July 5, 2022
MEETING NUMBER 2022-19
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:

Chris Boys, Chairman

J.D. Gilbert County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Dr. Shawn Fletcher, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Boys who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2022-15; 2022-16; 2022-17; 2022-18

Credit Card Statement

Approval of Additions and Abatements: 2021 RE \$-4828.90

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the exception the meeting minutes, make that a separate motion later. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve meeting minutes 2022-17; 2022-18. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Chairman Boys moved to approve meeting minutes 2022-15; 2022-16. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion 2-0.** Commissioner Tasset abstained.

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$720,953.68

Chairman Boys moved to pay the claims as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Open Public Comment

First Baptist Church pastor Steve Ormord, spoke of his support to the national motto being displayed in the County Buildings, by reading a quote of Benjamin Franklin.

Unfinished Business**Planning and Zoning Rezone / 11295 112 Rd**

Tabled from 2022-18. Melissa Drake, Planning and Zoning Director, presented for approval to request to rezone the property at 11296 112 Road from rural residential to suburban residential. This would be Resolution No. 2022-23.

Chairman Boys moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-23; to rezone the property at 11295 112 Road from rural residential to suburban residential. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

RFP Results: Energy Performance Contracting Project

Tabled from 2022-18. County Administrator J.D. Gilbert discussed the results from the request for proposals. Recommendation is to go with Iconergy for the energy performance contract.

Chairman Boys moved to approve Iconergy for the energy performance contract. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Legal Counsel – None**County Administrator's Report****Ford County Engineer Report**

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the board on current projects.

Iron Star Wind Farm w/Engie – Have requested the County Counselor to initiate closing the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement.

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study – Kirkham Michael is working on final plans for constructing concrete pavement on 112 and Outlaw Roads with the goal for submitting them for KDOT review in August. SMH is working on acquiring right of way and temporary construction easements along 112 and Outlaw Roads.

Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads – The Corps of Engineers provided a favorable definition of streambank full, such that the proposed four railroad half-tanker culverts will provide sufficient capacity for the permit requirements. We are working to finalize the plans and submit the needed permit requests to the Corps of Engineers and KS Department of Agriculture.

Paved Road Resurfacing – KM is proceeding forward with developing bid documents to resurface 113 Road from Comanche Street north to US-50.

Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021 – Have not yet received results from the field-testing. Hope to have those in August.

Ford County National Motto

Commissioner Tasset has received a request that the board consider adopting a resolution supporting the display of the National Motto In God We Trust in Ford County Public Buildings. Commissioner Tasset thanked Pastor Ormord for his words from Benjamin Franklin.

Commissioner Tasset moved to adopt a Resolution Supporting The Display of The National Motto “In God We Trust” in Ford County Public Buildings. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections: FY22 4th Quarter Employee Pay Enhancement Funding from KDOC

SFTCC Interim Director, Sonja Channell, stated state wide community corrections received from the Kansas Department of Corrections, an increase grant funding with the intent of the money to enhance employee pay in the form of employee bonuses. The amount awarded was a total of \$56,670.05. This will be divided between 16 employees.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections FY22 4th Quarter Employee Pay Enhancement Funding from the Kansas Department of Corrections. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Tasset voted No.

County One-Time Payment

County Administrator J.D. Gilbert presented for approval the one-time payment for county employees. He has asked if this is approved, this will be given in the 4th quarter. Sheriff Carr stated this needs to be done. It is a nice way to say Thank You to the employees. Staff are burned out. Chairman Boys asked that a professional wage study be done for each department to see where we are at with other counties. Commission Tasset agreed, a wage study needs to be done.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the one-time payment. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Tasset voted No.

Communications: OnSolve LLC/ CodeRed Renewal

Communications Director Elliot Linke asked for approval of the annual renewal of the CodeRed package with OnSolve LLC.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the renewal of the annual CodeRed package with OnSolve LLC. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

National Association of Counties, (NACO) annual Conference & Exposition: July 21-24, 2022; Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, Adams County / Aurora, Colorado

Joint City County Public Hearing: August 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm, The Depot

Dodge City Days / Code of the West: July 28th - August 7th, 2022

Election Information: Last Day to register to vote July 12, 2022, In Office voting starts July 14th. 2022

Executive Session: Attorney – Client Privilege / Expanded Sunday Sales

Chairman Boys moved the board recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss expanded Sunday sales pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The meeting to resume in this location at 4:40 p.m.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator and County Counselor should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 4:40 pm.

Commissioner Tasset moved to revoke resolution 2022-21. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve Resolution 2022-24, A Resolution to Allow the Sale at Retail of Cereal Malt Beverage and Alcoholic Liquor in the original package within the unincorporated area of Ford County, Kansas on any Sunday, except Easter.

Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Adjournment

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 pm. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk