

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES  
WORK SESSION OF JULY 17, 2023  
MEETING NUMBER 2023-27  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
3:00 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  
Chris Boys, Commissioner (Absent)  
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Tanda Bartlett, Assistant County Administrator  
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

**Iconergy Discussion**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

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

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**Shawn Tasset, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Debbie Cox, County Clerk**

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF JULY 17, 2023**  
**MEETING NUMBER 2023-28**  
**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 (Absent)  
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

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

Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Rev. Jerre Nolte, First United Methodist Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Tasset leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes Meeting: 2023- 26  
Additions & Abatements: 2022 PP \$532.78  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Semi-Annual Report  
School Health Nursing Services Contract

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Approval of Claims for Payment: \$1,476,657.32**

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

**Open Public Comment – None**

**Unfinished Business**

**Ford County Zoning Regulations**

Aaron Johnson, Science Operation Officer with the National Weather Service in Dodge City, spoke of the wind turbines, and how they affect the Weather Radar at the National Weather Service.

Zoning Board Director Melissa Drake asked the board to return the 2023 Ford County Zoning Regulations to the Ford County Zoning Board for further review. These are new considerations which have not been brought before the Zoning Board, enabling the public to voice any concerns.

Chairman Tasset moved to return the 2023 Ford County Zoning Regulations to the Ford County Zoning Board for further review, as requested. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 2-0.**

**Legal Counsel – None**

**County Administrator’s Report**

**Resolution No. 2023-21 A Resolution Permitting Two Swine Production Facilities, Each A Swine Production Facility, As Defined By K.S.A. 17-5903, To Be Established Within Ford County By a Corporation, Trust, Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership, or Corporate Partnership.**

Jennifer Nelson with Seaboard Foods presented the Resolution for approval and explained the proposal for two swine productions facilities that will have 2,500 hogs each. These will be located in the SE corner of Ford County.

Commissioner Snook moved to table until next month this item. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Iconergy Agreement**

Doug Hargrave, President of Iconergy, presented the agreement between Ford County and Iconergy. This will be presented to Legal Counsel for review.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the agreement between Ford County and Iconergy, pending further review by County Counsel and final confirmed account balance numbers of the ARPA fund. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Revenue Neutral Rate Discussion**

Discussion held on if a RNR hearing will need to be held. County Clerk needs to have information no later than July 20, 2023.

Chairman Tasset moved to hold the hearing to exceed the RNR at 3:30 pm on September 18, 2023, with the Rural Fire RNR hearing directly after.

Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Williamson Architecture: Request for Qualifications Results**

Dana Williamson with Williamson Architecture discussed the results of the Request for Qualifications for a Construction Management at Risk, for the Ford County Legacy Center. Ms. Williamson stated we received two requests. The next step is the interviews, if the board so chooses.

Chairman Tasset moved to interview both applicants, Building Solutions and Conant Construction. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Road & Bridge: Bid Results**

Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris O'Neal presented the two bid received for two new 2WD Regular Cab ¾ Ton Pickups.

Lopp Motors – Dodge Ram 2500, 3 Year/36,00 Mile 5 year/ 60,000 Mile powertrain, Unit price of \$47,010.00, number of units 2 total price \$94,020.00 Estimate of 90 to 180 Days delivery date.

Lewis Chevrolet of Dodge City – Chevrolet 2500, 3 Year/36,000 Mile 5 year/100,000-mile powertrain, Unit Price \$44,973.00, number of units 2 total price \$89,946.00. Fleet Allocation Request Date Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Estimate of 6 to 9 months.

Mr. O'Neal stated that Lewis Chevrolet, could not guarantee that they could deliver on the estimate delivery date. They will not order until September 1.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the bid from Lopp Motors as presented. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**SFTCC: Advisory Board Bylaws/Amendment Request**

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the modified changes to the SFTCC bylaws. Article II, Section 1a was modified to remove specifically stating that the meetings would be held at 208 West Spruce, they have not held them there for some time. Article II, Section 1b was modified to reflect that notice of their meetings would be publicly noticed on both the Ford Co. website and the Ford Co. Facebook page.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the amendments made to the SFTCC Advisory Board bylaws, as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**SFTCC: FY23 Juvenile Services Year-End Outcome Report**

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the SFTCC FY23 Juvenile Services Year-End Outcome Report.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the STFCC FY23 Juvenile Services Year-End Outcome Report, as presented. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**SFTCC: FY23 Adult Services Year-End Outcome Report**

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the SFTCC FY23 Adult Services Year-End Outcome Report.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the STFCC FY23 Adult Services Year-End Outcome Report, as presented. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**SFTCC: Juvenile Services FY23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prevention Grant Progress Report: DIVERT (truancy)**

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the Juvenile Services FY23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prevention Grant Progress Report: DIVERT (truancy)

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Juvenile Services FY23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prevention Grant Progress Report: DIVERT (truancy), as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 2-0.**

**SFTCC: Juvenile Services FY23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prevention Grant Progress Report: Intake Diversion Program (IDP)**

Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections Director Sonja Channell presented for approval the Juvenile Services FY23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prevention Grant Progress Report: Intake Diversion Program (IDP).

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Juvenile Services FY23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prevention Grant Progress Report: Intake Diversion Program (IDP), as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

2023 NACo Annual Conference: Austin Convention Center in Travis County/Austin, TX July 21-24

Ford County 4-H Fair: July 20-July 24, 2023

Dodge City Days: July 27- August 6, 2023

Dodge City Roundup Rodeo: August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Canvass of votes: August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

In office voting for USD 381 Primary: July 24 through July 28. 9:00 to 4:30. End at Noon July 31. 2023

**Executive Session: Discuss Data Relating to Trade Secrets of a Corporation**

Chairman Tasset moved the board recess into executive session to discuss equipment purchases pursuant to the discussion of data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnership, trusts, and individual proprietorships exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). The open meeting to resume in this location at 5:15 p.m.

In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, County Counselor, Samantha Sweelly with the County Counselor office, and Road and Bridge Superintendent Chris O'Neal should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 2-0.**

**Return to regular session at 5:15 p.m.**

Chairman Tasset moved to reject the rebuild of the Motor Graders, which were discussed at the June 20, 2023 meeting 2023-25. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Adjournment**

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

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Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

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Debbie Cox, County Clerk