

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF August 1, 2022
MEETING NUMBER 2022-21
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3:15 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:

Chris Boys, Chairman

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner (Absent)

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

Western State Bank Expo: Naming Rights

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF August 1, 2022

MEETING NUMBER 2022-22

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

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner (Absent)

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

Chairman Boys moved to amend the agenda to include the Western State Bank Expo discussion at the end of the agenda to number 6. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2022-20

Approval of Additions & Abatements: 2021 RE \$-489.18: 2021 16/20m \$-38.32:

2020 WC \$42.24: 2021 WC \$-41.76

Proclamation: Dodge City's 150th Anniversary

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$363,988.73

Chairman Boys moved to pay the claims as presented. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Open Public Comment

Kent Stehlik, President of the Ford County Historical Society stated they have had the dedication for the Bat Masterson statute. They are also in talks with General Turner from Ft. Dodge to get Fort Dodge on the National Register.

Unfinished Business

KDOT Economic Development Agreement

This was tabled from 2022-20 meeting. Ford County legal counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs stated he would call KDOT about the contract wording and will report back at the next meeting.

Chairman Boys moved to table to the next commission meeting. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Legal Counsel - None

County Administrator's Report

Ford County Engineer Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the Commission on projects in the county. US HWY 50 expansion west of Dodge City to Cimarron – In Ford County, contractors have been removing trees, old fences, and other debris. They have also started constructing reinforced concrete box structures and started moving dirt.

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study - It has been reported that Hilmar is planning to start moving dirt for their plant in August.

Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads - The Corps of Engineers permit application was submitted on July 22, 2022. The Corps said it would take 45 - 60 days to process. Kirkham Michael has also submitted permits to the KS Department of Agriculture Dept. of Water Resource.

Paved Road Resurfacing (102 and 113 Road) - Kirkham Michael has developed Field Check plans to resurface 113 Road from Comanche Street north to US – 50. With a September bid out, plans to start in 2023.

Off-System Bridge 97 replacement – on 134 Road south of Jewell Road, over Coon Creek- Kirkham Michael is starting on preliminary design.

Jewell Road Reclamation – Report from Terracon should be done by end of August

123 Road timber culvert replacement – The hydraulic modeling is complete. Submission of permit applications will get done in August.

KDOT Passing Lane Projects in Ford County - have been moved to the October 2022 bid letting.

Iron Start Wind Farm w/Engie – Have requested the County Counselor to initiate closing the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement. Waiting on one payment.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright - NextEra notified Ford County of their intent to change project manager. It may be toward the end of 2022 or possibly 2023 before they present their revised CUP to Ford County.

Grainbelt Express Power Line - Developer has advised that they have pushed off the proposed start of construction from early 2022 to early 2023.

New Business: Hilmar has requested renaming of 3/4 miles of 112 and Outlaw Road to Hilmar Way

South West Kansas Area Agency On Aging: Sub-Region Council

According to the South West Kansas Area Agency on Aging bylaws, County Commissioners appoint individuals to serve on SWAAA's Sub-Region Council. Each person serves a three-year term that begins October 1. At this time, Megan McCann and Crissa Salmans are serving on the sub-region and are eligible to be reappointed for an additional three year term. Ms. McCann has

expressed interest in being reappointed for the additional term. Crissa Salmans has not returned messages left by phone or email

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve Megan McCann for an additional three year term on the Sub-Region Council of the South West Kansas Area Agency on Aging. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Revenue Neutral Rate: Mailing Notice

Ford County Clerk, Debbie Cox presented sample notices of the RNR mailings that will be going out August 8, 2022. This is the first year required to mail RNR notices.

Upcoming Meetings

Joint City County Public Hearing: August 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm, Santa Fe Depot
Primary election 2022: August 2: 7 am -7 pm
Canvass of Votes: August 8 at 9:00 am.
Dodge City Days / Code of the West: July 28 – Aug 7, 2022
Roundup Rodeo: Aug -2 Aug 7th.

Western State Bank Expo Center: Naming Rights

Commissioner Tasset moved to allow Western State Bank Expo Manager Danielle Crouch and County Administrator J.D. Gilbert to contact Western State Bank, on naming rights. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Adjournment

Chairman Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 pm. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk