

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF August 2, 2021

MEETING NUMBER 2021-27

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

Dr. Shawn Fletcher, Assistant County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chris Boys, Commissioner

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meetings: 2021-26

Credit Card Statement: July

CMB Application: Noe Ochoa, Rancho El Nopalito

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Semi-Annual Report

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$591,864.55

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

Open Public Comment

Elliot Link, Ford County Communications Director, stated that Edwards County moved forward to have Ford County 911 provide service to them. A contract is being drawn up for approval.

Unfinished Business - None

Legal Counsel

Certificate of Dissolution: Lewis Addition Drainage District

Ford County legal counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval the Certificate of Dissolution. May 17, 2021 the Board adopted Resolution 2021-11, dissolving the Lewis Addition Drainage District. There was a 60-day protest time from the date of publication. No protest was presented. Now the board needs to approve the Certificate of Dissolution, The Chairperson for the Lewis Addition Drainage District should transfer \$23,386.81 to the City Clerk of Dodge City, KS and \$30,624.30 to the Ford County Treasurer after the Certificate of Dissolution is approved.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Certificate of Dissolution regarding the Lewis Addition Drainage District. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution: Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG)

Ford County legal counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs presented for approval Resolution No. 2021-18. regarding the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-18 regarding the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Administrator's Report

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs gave updates on current projects.

KDOT Passing Lane Projects in Ford County - Proposed for state fiscal year 2023 bid. The general location descriptions are:

On US-50, starting at the end of the concrete pavement northeast of Dodge City to 1.4 miles east of 126 Road near Spearville.

ON US-50, starting 1.4 miles east of 126 Road, then east 2.18 miles of Spearville.

The governor and KDOT Secretary recently held a press conference in Dodge City to share these projects are moving forward.

Paved Road Reclamation (Jewell Road) - Update as of 7/29/21: Milling the top 5" of the existing asphalt pavement by Dustrol is complete. Bergkamp has completed reclaiming Location 1 (118 Road to 123 Road) and is moving in Location 2 east of 123 Road. APAC has placed the first lift of asphalt from 118 Road to just east of 120 Road. They plan to place the surface asphalt from 118 Road to 120 Road Thursday and Friday, then start paving base asphalt east of 120 Road the week of August 2.

Quaker Road Drainage Improvement between 115 and 116 Road - Kirkham Michael is working on preliminary plans for a low water crossing drainage structure at the low point in the road profile.

Anticipates having preliminary Field Check plans in the next two months.

Iron Star Wind Farm w/ Engie - Contractors continue erecting wind tower components, building private access roads to tower locations, constructing the electric transmission line, constructing the O & M building, and constructing the electrical substation. The depression in the asphalt pavement at the intersection of 109 and Saddle Road has been repaired by APAC. Kirkham Michael recommended the wind farm place additional gravel and reshape the crown in the roads.

A motor grader filled in ruts with loose sand, which is not holding up to rain and traffic. This action is insufficient and the wind farm is being directed to do more.

ITC Saddle Switch Yard - The contractor has finished hauling fill dirt from the south. ITC is to place aggregate on the haul route in the near future. The soft spot which developed at Saddle and 117th, has been stabilized.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/ NextEra south of Wright - NextEra has indicated they may seek to get with the County this summer for preliminary evaluation of potential haul routes. Grainbelt Express Power Line - Invenergy sent a Road Use and Maintenance agreement to the county for review. Developer has advised that they have pushed off the proposed start of construction from early 2022 to early 2023, with completion by end of 2025.

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study - Kirkham Michael has collected traffic data at the designated intersections and intends to have a draft report for review in the next week or two.

KDOT US-50 passing lane project between 127 Road and 130 Road- KDOT asked if the County would allow closing 129 Road to the south of US-50. KDOT would place barricades south of the railroad tracks. Chairman Tasset asked if KDOT would help the County regarding the request for the railroad to put up crossings at Garnett.

Ford County Engineer: Agreement/ 127 Road Low Water Crossing

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented an engineering agreement with Kirkham Michael for developing construction plans for a Low Water Crossing on 127 Road south of Kettle Road. Commissioner Snook stated he would like to look at the road in question before he decided on this.

Chairman Tasset moved to table this to give Commissioner Snook a chance to view the road. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Landfill: Request for Bids/ Loader

Landfill Director Paul Resley requested to go out of bids on a new loader for the landfill. The current loader is 5 years old.

Chairman Tasset moved to allow Mr. Resley to go for bids for a loader for landfill, with the option to allow trade in or no trade in. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Commission Schedule Conflict: Labor Day

Labor Day is Monday the 6th of September. Commission needs to discuss when it's best to reschedule the first regular board meeting of September.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve September 7th, at 3:30 pm for the 1st regular board meeting in September 2021. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Dodge City Days/ Code of the West: July 30-August 8, 2021

Dodge City Roundup Rodeo: Aug. 3-8, 2021

Joint Commission Meeting: August 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm at City Commission Chambers

Adjournment

Commissioner Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk