

54FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 7, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-29
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
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.

State and Federal Highway Improvement Priorities in Ford County

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2023
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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
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Tanda Bartlett, Assistant County Administrator
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting 2023- 27; 2023-28
Credit Card Statement
Additions & Abatements: 2022 RP \$-528.76; 2022 PP \$236.66

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$772,101.52

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

Open Public Comment – Chairman Tasset shared his thanks to the Sheriff, Chief Boyd and their crews for what they do in the face of tragedy.

Unfinished Business- None

Legal Counsel – None

County Administrator's Report

United Wireless Arena: Clear Bag Police

United Wireless Arena Executive Director Chris Ragland presented for approval the implementation of a clear bag policy for events at the Arena to help with security concerns.

This has been presented to the Community Facility Advisory Board, and they have approved the request.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the clear bag policy at the United Wireless Arena, as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

VenuWorks: Subsidy Request

Chris Ragland Executive Director United Wireless Arena is requesting a subsidy of \$ 96,980 for VenuWorks. This is reimbursement for the 2022 budget shortfall. This is something that is done every year at the end of the year, once the total expenses are finalized. This helps bring in shows that were not planned for in the year's budget. The funds will come from the WHY NOT DODGE funds. This is to be brought before the City of Dodge City Commission meeting tonight. It was approved at the CFAB meeting.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the subsidy request of \$96,980 for VenuWorks. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Engineer: Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented an update on current projects, Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads – Anticipating starting work 8/21.23.

Off-System Bridge 97 replacement – anticipating starting work on 8/7/23.

Paved Road Resurfacing (102 and 113 Road) – Kirkham Michael is revising the plans for 113 Road between Comanche St and US-50 to extend the 4-lane all the way to US-50 for a late Fall bid, and include a concrete paving alternate. Will be asking for all needed permits.

New Business: KDOT local consult meeting scheduled for October 4, at the Clarion Inn in Garden City.

Bid Results: Detention Van

Captain Gordon Willard presented the bid results.

Two bids were received. Two rejection letters were also received.

Lopp Motors Dodge City, KS Declined to bid. No access to vans.

Burtis Motors Garden City, KS Declined to bid. No access to vans

Traffic Control Services, Wichita KS. 2023 Chevy Express Low Roof - \$90,212.60

Traffic Control Services, Wichita, KS 2023 Ram Promaster High Roof - \$106,585.81

Recommend to go with the 2023 Ram Promaster High Roof for \$106,585.81. The high roof is needed to place cages in the van.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the bid from Traffic Control Services, Wichita, KS for the 2023 Ram Promaster High Roof for \$106,585.81 as recommended. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.** Commissioner Snook did not vote.

Request to Sell at Auction

Chris O'Neal, Road and Bridge Superintendent and Fire Chief Rob Boyd have items they wish to sell at auction on Purple Wave. They plan to merge with the Sheriff's office on one auction date.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the request to list various items at auction, as discussed. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Human Resources: Early Retirement Applications

Human Resources Director Pat Heeke presented for approval, two applications for early retirement. The first has been employed with the County for 37 years. The seconded has been employed with the County 24 years. The County does have a policy of 60 days' notice. The employee with the 37 years, KPERS is the reason for the shorter notice. The other has family to take care of.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve the early retirement applications as requested, with a note that the short notice time is a special case. We should be following policy. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Commission: Schedule Conflict / Labor Day

Labor Day is the 1st Monday in September 2023.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 3:30 pm as the 1st regular County Commission meeting in September. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Meetings

Canvass of votes: August 9th at 8:30 am.

Community Facility Advisory Board (CFAB): 6:30 pm August 23, 2023

Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG): 2023 Annual Meeting, September 28-29, 2023 Hays

Executive Session: Attorney- Clint Privilege

Chairman Tasset moved the Board recess into executive session to discuss a contract dispute with APAC 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 4:50 p.m. In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, the County Counselor, Chris O'Neal and Jon Halbgewachs should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Return to regular session at 4:50 p.m.

Chairman Tasset moved the Board return to executive session to continue discussion on contract dispute with APAC 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 5:05 p.m. In addition to the Commissioners, the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, the County Counselor, Chris O'Neal and Jon Halbgewachs should be included in the executive session. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 5:05

Chairman Tasset stated no action taken

Adjournment

Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk