

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JOINT CITY/COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**



**MEETING NUMBER 2022-29
City Commission Chambers
806 N. 2nd Ave.
Dodge City, KS
8:00 a.m.**

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The Board of County Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the City of Dodge City, at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 806 N. 2nd Ave. Dodge City, KS on September 12, 2022.

City Mayor Smoll called the meeting to order

Those present for the City were:

Mayor Kent Smoll

Commissioner Rick Sowers

Commissioner Chuck Taylor

Commissioner Joseph Nuci

Commissioner Michael Burns

City Manager Nickolaus J. Hernandez

County Vice Chairman Shawn Tasset called the meeting to order

Those present for the County

Chris Boys, Chairman (by phone)

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Ken W Snook Commissioner (by Phone)

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Chairman Boys joined the meeting in person late.

Dodge City Raceway Park:

City Manager Hernandez presented the recommendations from CFAB on changes to the existing subsidy as detailed in the current agreement with Craig Dollansky Racing (CDR) Promotions for Dodge City Raceway Park (DCRP). In addition, due to the proposed changes, administration recommends issuing a request for qualifications for the operation/promotion of DCRP, for the 2023 season.

The recommendations are as follows:

Change the average attendance requirement for major events from 1,000 to 700 attendees.

Reimburse and provide funding for short track expenses at \$3,000 per race.

Implement an event fund policy up to \$150,000 to be used to increase DCRP special events.

Increase the annual subsidy for the operator/promoter for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for 2022.

Mayor Smoll opened up for discussion the recommendations. Will discuss the recommendations one at time.

City Commissioner Taylor stated he understood by an email that was received, for next year contract, to open it up for bids from other people. Mr. Hernandez stated that was correct.

Mayor Smoll asked what the thoughts on the change the average attendance requirement for major events from 1,000 to 700. City Commissioner Nuci stated he is not in favor of the increase funding and decrease the number of people expected in the stands. City Commissioner Burns stated this late in the season he would not be in favor of changing the agreement with the promoter.

Commissioner Taylor stated, with a couple of races left, he is not in favor of amending the current contract. Commissioner Sowers stated he is not in favor of changing the current contract.

Commissioner Sowers moved to not change the attendance requirements for the current contract.

Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

County Commissioner Tasset, asked if the session is about over? Melissa McCoy Assistant City Manager stated there is a weekly race that is scheduled on the 17th. Also two major events, the Steven King memorial and the Monster Truck are the remaining events. Ms. Dollansky stated those major events are two-day events. County Commissioner Tasset asked if a two-day event, what is the attendance requirement? Does 500 per day qualify as a single event?

City Commissioner Sowers read from the contract. If the average attendance per major event for any year should fall below 1,000 attendees, the City will have the option of terminating this agreement, by providing written of such intent to terminate within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Operator's attendance report.

County Commissioner Tasset stated he is not in favor of changing the contract for 2022, however if we are not hitting the numbers we have to set some real expectations for promoters.

Mr. Dollansky gave numbers for past years in attendance.

County Commissioner Snook moved to table this. County Commissioner Tasset declined to second the motion to focus on the attendance. Motion died for lack of a second. County Commissioner Tasset moved to not amend the requirements for the current year contract. County Chairmen Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

City Mayor Smoll moved to the next item on the list.

Reimburse and provide funding for short track expenses at \$3,000 per race.

City Commission Nuci would like to not go item by item and address as a whole the recommendations from CFAB. City Mayor Smoll stated if he would like to make that motion he could.

City Commissioner Nuci moved to not amend the current contract and disapprove all the CFAB recommendations. City Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

County Chairman Boys asked for a motion on the CFAB recommendations.

County Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the reimbursement of \$3,000 for the seven additional races they did over the contract. County Chairman seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

City Mayor Smoll stated there is a difference the commission needs to settle.

City Commissioner Sowers moved to approve the \$21,000 as per the county. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-1.** Commissioner Nuci voting no.

Adjournment

City of Dodge City Commissioner Rick Sowers moved to adjourn the meeting. City Commissioner Burns seconded the meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Ford County Commissioner, Shawn Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 AM.

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

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk