

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-34
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

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

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

Seaboard Farms

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 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

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

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

Ford County Public Hearing

Ford County: Revenue Neutral Rate

Chairman Tasset called to order the Public Hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate, asked for public comment.

Steven Childers, Dodge City resident asked the commission to remember the senior citizens and low income people that the tax increase will affect.

Chairman Tasset thanked Mr. Childers for his comments.

With no other comments.

Chairman Tasset closed the public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Chairman Tasset asked for an explanation of the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Pat Friess with Kennedy McKee explained the Revenue Neutral Rate is to levy the same tax dollars as you received last year. You can vote to exceed so that you may increase your budget.

Chairman Tasset moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-23, A Resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate in Ford County. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Chairman Tasset voting yes, Commissioner Boys voting yes, Commissioner Snook voting yes.

Ford County: FY 2024 Budget

Chairman Tasset called to order the Public Hearing for the FY 2024 Ford County Budget. Asked for public comments. Hearing none Chairman Tasset closed the Public Hearing for the FY 2024 Budget.

Chairman Tasset moved to adopt the FY 2024 Ford County Budget, as presented. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Chairman Tasset recessed the regular meeting.

Ford County Rural Fire District: Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing

Vice Chairman Tasset opened the public hearing for the Ford County Rural Fire District Revenue Neutral Rate. Asked for public comments. Hearing none Vice Chairman Tasset moved to close the public hearing.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve Resolution 2023-01, A resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the Ford County Rural Fire District. Chairman Boys seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Boys voting yes, Vice Chairman Tasset voting yes, Commissioner Snook voting yes.

Vice Chairman Tasset Opened the Public Hearing for the Ford County Rural Fire District FY 2024 Budget. Asked for public comments. Hearing none Vice Chairman Tasset moved to close the public hearing.

Chairman Boys moved to approve the FY2024 Ford County Rural Fire District Budget as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission returned to regular meeting.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes Meeting 2023- 33

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$693,911.61

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

Open Public Comment – None.

Unfinished Business- None

Legal Counsel - None

County Administrator’s Report

Ford County Zoning Regulations

Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake and Ford County Legal Counsel Mr. Glenn Kerbs, presented Resolution 2023-24: A Resolution Concerning Amendments to the Ford County Zoning Regulations for the Unincorporated Areas of Ford County, Kansas.

The amendments have been approved with the Ford County Zoning Board. Chairman Tasset and Commissioner Boys had concerns with the set back of wind turbines in Article 29-105,2 a: No turbine shall be located closer than 2000 feet or four times the total height of the turbine whichever is greater from a participating or non-participating major structure. Both feel that is too far of a setback for a property owner if they want the turbine on their land. They would agree to 1000 feet change and drop the four times the total height of the turbine.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve Resolution 2023-24 with a modification set back of 1,000 feet and remove the wording “or four times the total height of the turbine” Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution Permitting Two Swine Production Facilities – Seaboard Farms

Jennifer Nelson with Seaboard farms presented 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. Presentation was held at the work session before the regular meeting.

Commissioner Boys moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-21 as presented. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted no.

John Fitzthum: St. Catherine Hospital, Dodge City

New Hospital Administrator John Fitzthum discussed the changes taking place, including the upcoming plans he has for the hospital.

Information Technology: Hardware Upgrade & Maintenance Contract

IT Director Matthew Brackey presented for approval the purchase agreement for the AS400 Power 10 Hardware upgrade and maintenance contract. Line item for this would be 080-101-5422.

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the purchase agreement for the AS400 Power10 hardware upgrade and maintenance contract, as requested. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Appraiser: Surveying and Mapping, LLC

Carolyn Petty Deputy County Appraiser and Mr. Glenn Kerbs, Ford County Legal Counsel, presented the proposal with Surveying and Mapping, LLC (Sam).

Commissioner Boys moved to approve the proposal with Surveying and Mapping, LLC (SAM) as recommended, pending final review of the contract with legal counsel. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution 2023-24

Melissa Drake Ford County Planning and Zoning Director presented for approval the modified Resolution 2023-04.

Chairman Tasset moved to adopt the modified Resolution 2023-24 as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Station One: Request for Bids

Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Davis is asking to go out for bids for a new boiler for Station One. The current boiler is 22 years old.

Commissioner Snook moved to approve the request to go out for bids as discussed. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Community Facility Advisory Board (CFAB): 6:30 pm Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall has been re-scheduled to September 28th, same time at City Commissioners Chambers, City Hall

Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG): 2023 Annual Meeting, September 28-29, 2023 Hays, chairman Tasset, County Administrator Gilbert and Assistant County Administrator Bartlett will attend.

KDOT Local Consult District 6 Meeting: October 4th, 9:00 am- 12pm. At Clarion Inn, Garden City
League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference: October 7-9, 2023 Wichita. Assistant Administrator Bartlett will attend.

Joint Commission Meeting October 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm, City Commissioner Chambers, City Hall
CEDBR: 2023 Regional Outlook conference: October 20, 2023 at United Wireless Arena- 10:30 am to 2:00 Pm. Commissioner Boys, Administrator Gilbert and Assistant Administrator Bartlett will attend.

Adjournment

Commissioner Boys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk