

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF October 3, 2022
MEETING NUMBER 2022-31
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2:30 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

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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

Ford County Historical Society: Agreement
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company: Review

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

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MEETING OF October 3, 2022
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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

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator

Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

Chairman Boys called the meeting to order. Rev. Jerre Nolte, First United Methodist Church, led the group in prayer, followed by Chairman Boys who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2022-30

Credit Card Statement

Approve Additions & Abatements: 2020 RE -\$8,502.42; 2021 RE -\$12,231.94

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

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$733,713.02

Chairman Boys moved to pay the claims 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

“Why Not Dodge”: Marketing/Media Specialist

City Manager Nick Hernandez presented the CFAB board recommendation for a position that would be for the promotion of the “Why Not Doge” facilities.

This position would be shared with the City of Dodge City and the salary split between the City of Dodge City & Ford County. The salary range is based on similar positions with a market rate at \$73,000 of total compensation, including the benefits. The amount for the: Why Not Dodge” funding request is \$36,500.00.

Commissioner Snook moved to table for future discussion. Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Engineer Report

Request for Bids: 113 Road Resurfacing

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval to go for bids for the 113 Road resurfacing. Ford County has budget in Fiscal Year 2022 to resurface 113 Road from Comanche Street north one mile to US-50 highway. Question was asked the possibility for redoing the road in concert. Mr. Halbgewachs stated he would look into the cost comparison. When the bids come in the commission could reject all if that is what they choose to do.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the County Clerk to sign the RFB and place it in the newspaper to advertise the bid and for Kirkham Michael to send it to contractors and plan rooms which contractors use to find project bid opportunities. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.** Commissioner Snook voted NO.

Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program: Off-System (OS) Bridge 50

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval an engineering agreement with Kirkham Michael for survey, design, bidding, and construction engineering services to replace the existing deficient steel beam bridge. KDOT may fund up to 85% of the cost of construction and engineering inspection.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the agreement between Ford County and Kirkham Michael with regards to Ford County Off-System Bridge 50, as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program: Off- System (OS) Bridge 101

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs presented for approval an engineering agreement with Kirkham Michael for survey, design, bidding, and construction engineering services to replace the existing deficient steel beam bridge. KDOT may fund up to 85 % of the cost of construction and engineering inspection.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve the agreement between Ford County and Kirkham Michael, with regards to Ford County Off-System Bridge 101, as presented. Chairman Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Engineer Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the commission on activities since September 6, 2022.

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study – KDOT still intends to bid the project in December for 2023 construction if the right of way can be acquired and utilities moved in time.

Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads – ON September 28, the Corps requested additional information about the planned construction. Kirkham Michael also submitted permits to the KS Dept. of Agriculture Dept. of Water Resources. Their 30 day review period expired August 18.

Off-System Bride 97 replacement-on 134 Road south of Jewell Road, over Coon Creek- Next item is to have a geotechnical firm extract soil samples and provide a foundation design. Aiming to bid this project in March 2023. It would be advantageous to bid this bridge and the 127 LWC at the same time.

Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021- Sent Terracon's testing report to APAC. Tentatively scheduled to meet with APAC on October 3 to discuss what is next.

123 Road timber culvert replacement.- The Corps of Engineers permit is pending. On September 28, the Corps was planning to review the application the week of October 3. The KS Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources permit was approved 9/15/22. The KS Dept. of Wildlife and Parks had no issues.

US-50 Access Road Maintenance Agreement with KDOT- Forward comments to KDOT on August 5. No response yet. New Business – Submitted a Cost Share funding application to KDOT for resurfacing 102 Road from US-50 north to Garnett Road. Have sent an email to District 6 Engineer Ron Hall requesting KDOT to evaluate the justification for safety improvements at the railroad crossing across US-400 in front of Cargill.

Williams Architecture: Spearville Fire Station

Ford County received an invoice for architectural, drafting, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering services to date in the amount of \$18,575.50.

Commissioner Tasset moved to approve payment to Williamson Architecture for services, as presented, for the Spearville Fire Station. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Possible Schedule Conflict: Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference

KAC Annual Conference is October 17-19th. Discussion was held about moving the Commission meeting to another day but decided to keep the October 17 meeting time. There will be a quorum with Chairman Boys and Commissioner Snook. Commissioner Tasset may join by phone.

Upcoming Meetings

Kansas Association of Counties; KAC Annual Conference: October 17-19, 2022- Sheraton Hotel & Overland Park Convention Center.

KCAMP Annual Meeting: October 17, 2022 Cottonwood Room 1, Sheraton Convention Center @ 5:30 pm.

KWORCC Annual Meeting: October 17, 2022- Same as above.
 Kirkham Michael Client Appreciation Dinner: 6:30 pm October 17, Cottonwood 2, Sheraton Convention Center, Overland Park.
 CEDBR: 2022 Regional Outlook Conference: Friday, October 21, 2022 from 10: 30 am to 2:00 pm. @ United Wireless Arena—4100 West Comanche Street, Dodge City, KS
 Last day to Register for the November 8, 2022 General Election – October 18, 2022

Executive Session: Preliminary Discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property

Chairman Boys move the Board recess into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property pursuant to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). For 20 minutes. The open meeting to resume in this location at 5:20 pm.

In addition to the Commissioner, the County Administrator, the County Counselor, County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs, R & B Supervisor Chris O’Neal, and SMH Land Acquisition Agent Ben Burton should be included in the executive session.

Commissioner Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commission returned to regular session at 5:20 pm.

No Action was taken

Adjournment

Commissioner Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

 Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

 Debbie Cox, County Clerk