

**FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
JOINT CITY/COUNTY**



**OCTOBER 9, 2023
MEETING NUMBER 2023-37
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
806 N 2ND AVE, DODGE CITY
6:30 PM**

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The Board of County Commissioners met in a joint meeting with the City of Dodge City, in the City Commission Chambers at 806 N. 2nd Ave. Dodge City, Kansas.

Dodge City Mayor Joe Nuci opened the meeting.

Those present for the City of Dodge City, Mayor Joe Nuci, Commissioners Kent Smoll, Rich Sowers, Charles Taylor and City Manager Nick Hernandez. Commissioner Michael Burns was absent.

Chairman Tasset opened the meeting for the County.

Those present for the County were:

Shawn Tasset, Chairman
Chris Boys, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator
Tanda Bartlett, Assistant County Administrator
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Life Savers Recognition awards

Ford County Fire Chief Rob Boyd presented Life Savers awards to five medical personal that delivered a baby August 19, 2023 at the Dodge City Laguna. These individuals were at the Dodge City Laguna as citizens enjoying their day. The baby was born breach at 30 weeks, weighing 3lb. Baby Bryce Koelle is here today thanks to the individuals that were at the Laguna that day. The Life Savers award was presented to Michelle Shriner, Emily Gleason, Page Siruta, Phillip Underwood and Kristi Ebner.

Daniel Cecil, Director of Parks and Facilities for the City of Dodge City, also thanked the medical personal that helped in the delivery of the baby. The staff at the Laguna that day put out the call and these people stepped up. Mr. Cecil presented each with a season pass for four for the 2024 season and to baby Bryce, he presented a lifetime pass to the Laguna.

2024 “Why Not Dodge” Sales Tax Budget

Nicole May, Director of Finance for the City of Dodge City, presented the proposed 2024 budget for the “Why Not Dodge” fund. Ms. May stated the depreciation and replacement fund is up to 2 million in the reserve fund. County Chairman Tasset stated he was pleased with how the depreciation fund had been built up. Previously, it was not in good shape. Ms. May state the sales tax collection has been above what they anticipated. DC Commissioner Small stated he would like to see that be at 5 million because of the cost of things going up.

Mayor Nuci stated he would like to start to be proactive and maintaining things before they fall apart; not just putting money into the depreciation fund for when things are completely down, but to fix as things as come up. (See full budget in County Clerk’s Office.a)

City Commissioner Sowers moved to approve the 2024 “Why Not Dodge” Sales Tax Budget as presented. Commissioner Smoll seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Ford County Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 2024 “Why Not Dodge” Sales Tax Budget as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded it. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ford County Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Commissioner Boys seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

City Commissioner Sowers moved to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Commissioner Smoll seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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

Shawn Tasset, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk