

January 25, 2023

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

Roll call: Chair Ianne Dickinson present, Vice Chair Colton Waymire present, Commissioner Donald Stottlemire present, Commissioner Rod Harris present, Commissioner Roy Dunn present.

Chair Dickinson asked all in attendance to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was led by Pastor Bruce Beatty, Ottawa Church of the Nazarene.

Public Comment:

James Wallace, 2447 Nebraska Rd, Ottawa- asked the Commissioners to honor the Planning Commissions decision to not allow the meteorological tower that was discussed at the last Planning Commission Meeting.

Norman Wooge, 3790 Pawnee Rd, Ottawa- discussed how windmills are dangerous to migrating birds.

Sabrina Meador, 3404 California Rd, Pomona- discussed upholding the Planning Commission's decision to deny the Special Use Permit for the met tower. She also asked to put a moratorium on wind and solar farms. She discussed technical reasons from the zoning regulations and the comprehensive plan for not approving the meteorological tower that was discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting.

Chandy Prouty, 4848 Louisiana Rd, Baldwin City- discussed that met towers are not experimental, and it is just a stepping stone for windmills. She discussed how windmills decrease the property values in the area. She asked the Commissioners to put a moratorium on windmills.

Susan Hughes, 141 S Olive, Ottawa- said the ground is ruined forever after wind turbines are installed. She asked to protect the land and preserve our way of life by not allowing wind turbines.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on January 18, 2023, tax change orders in the amount of -\$198.12, and solicitation of dust control bids. All voted "yes".

Brenda Pfizenmaier, Health Department Director, discussed the final write-offs for the Health Department in the amount of \$45,568.92. On December 14, 2022, the Health Department requested approval to clear "bad debt" accounts from October 1, 2015, to June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$52,855.01. The amount was actually less after a review of the accounts.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Stottlemire seconded to approve of the Health Department removing bad debt accounts from October 1, 2015, to June 30, 2022, in the updated amount of \$45,568.92. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public works Director, discussed purchasing a 2022 JCB 4CX Backhoe with a Dymax Clam Bucket from KanEquip, Inc. in the amount of \$132,374.20. This piece of equipment would replace a 2016 Caterpillar 420 backhoe which was originally scheduled to be replaced in 2021. The KanEquip bid includes a \$30,000 trade-in allowance for the 2016 Caterpillar. The purchase would be funded out of Solid Waste Special Caps funds.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the purchase of a 2022 JCB 4CX Backhoe with a Dymax Clam Bucket from KanEquip Inc. in the amount of \$132,374.20. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the purchase of solid rubber tires, outrigger pads, and miscellaneous components to be used with the new JCB backhoe in the amount of \$28,191.39 from SETCO. The standard tires on the backhoe must be replaced with solid rubber tires to operate in the transfer station building. The proposed tires are

cut resistance and provide greater traction for the backhoe. This purchase will be made out of Solid Waste Special Caps funds.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the purchase of solid rubber tires, outrigger pads, and miscellaneous components for use on the new JCB backhoe in the amount of \$28,191.39 from SETCO. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed approving a proposal from CFS Engineers to perform a biennial bridge inspection on Franklin County bridges. Franklin County is required by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to inspect 241 bridges every two years. The proposal from CFS Engineers in the amount of \$22,895.00 breaks down to \$95 per bridge and is the same cost as the 2021 rate.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to approve the proposal from CFS Engineers in the amount of \$22,895.00 to perform a biennial bridge inspection of the Franklin County Bridges. All voted "yes".

W. David Lee, Public Works Director, discussed the proposed dates for the county spring cleanup days. The proposed dates to dump free at the transfer station are Friday, April 22, 2023 and Saturday, April 23, 2023. It is recommended that we place rollofs in the following areas: City of Ottawa on March 31 and April 1 for City of Ottawa residence only, cities west of 59 highway on April 7th and 8th, and cities east of 59 highway on April 14th and 15th. It was discussed if the county could do anything to help the small cities keep people from out of the county dumping in the rollofs. The commissioners didn't feel that changing the schedule from previous years would make any difference on people from out of the county dumping in the rollofs.

Commissioner Stottlemire moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to approve the dates for spring cleanup as presented. All voted "yes".

Staff reports were given by Derek Brown, County Administrator; Paul Bean, FCDC Director; W. David Lee, Public Works Director; and Janet Paddock, County Clerk.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Dunn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 AM. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair