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## County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

October 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
300 W Ash Room 107 Salina, Kansas 67401

Present: Commissioner Monte Shadwick - District 1  
Commissioner Robert Vidricksen II - District 2  
Commissioner Rodger Sparks - District 3  
Commissioner James L Weese - District 4  
Commissioner Joe Hay Jr. - District 5

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### A. Call To Order

Commissioner Robert Vidricksen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Jamie Doss, County Clerk, called the roll of attendance.

### B. Flag Salute & Moment of Silence

### C. Public Forum

Danette Toone, Mentor, discussed the battery project and suggested having ordinances in place. Norman Mannel, Salina, stated the Planning and Zoning meeting was full, showing evening meetings are better. Wade Waddle, McReynolds Rd, discussed the Planning and Zoning Meeting and Rural Fire District funding. Theresa Swisher, McReynolds Rd, asked what the procedure is to let the public know what is on the agenda.

### D. Consent Agenda

These items may be approved by a single motion unless an item is pulled by a Commissioner.

Commissioner Robert Vidricksen asked about the agreement with Symmetry to Add New Jail Property. Hannah Bett stated this is an agreement with Symmetry that has to be signed first to allow for gas service at the new jail property.

**Moved by:** Commissioner James L Weese

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

Approve consent agenda as presented.

## **Motion Passed**

- 1. Approval of Tax Roll Adjustments**
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payable**
- 3. Approval of Public Forum Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Payroll**
- 5. Disposition of Property**
- 6. Approval of Proposed Change Orders 18 and 19 for Courtroom Project**
- 7. Health/Dental Insurance Renewal Documents**
- 8. Approval of County Commission Minutes for September 12, 2023**
- 9. Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Symmetry to Add New Jail Property**

### **E. Action Items**

- 1. 2023 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation**

Mary Cookson, DVACK

Domestic Violence is a widespread, preventable, public health problem impacting all demographics of Kansans, including Saline County. Relationships are often counted as life's greatest treasures, and tragically, many are tarnished by one person's feeling of entitlement to power and control over the other, resulting in violence and fear. Domestic violence abusers violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity – with their intentional, systematic use of financial, psychological, sexual, and physical coercive control and abuse. The U.S. Department of Justice reports domestic violence homicides comprise 14% of all homicides in the U.S. and that women are more than twice as likely as men to be killed by an intimate partner, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation reports 32 domestic violence homicides were 18.5% of all homicides in Kansas in 2021. In Kansas in 2021, a domestic violence abuser murdered another person every 11 days, 9 hours, 49 minutes, and 4 seconds; a domestic violence abuser committed a violent act reported to law enforcement every 23 minutes and 16 seconds; and law enforcement made an arrest due to domestic violence every 47 minutes and 22 seconds. DVACK served 959 victims without our 10 counties, 487 of which were from Saline County and

yet these numbers do not accurately reflect the total number of domestic violence victims as many were continuing to struggle against isolation and other impacts of COVID19. We as the governing body of Saline recognize this violence is inconsistent with our County's values and cannot be ignored, excused, or tolerated. In declaring this month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" we encourage all citizens to know the facts about domestic violence, to familiarize themselves with resources, to recognize subtle signs of control tactics, to act as safe support systems, to speak up against perpetrators of violence and any messages that inadvertently condone domestic violence, to get involved, to teach others and prepare future generations for healthy relationships, and to donate time or resources to their local domestic violence agency. Commissioner Robert Vidricksen asked about any planned activities. Mary Cookson stated there is a trivia night every Thursday at District Eat and Play; book read at the Red Fern on the 18th; candlelight vigil at the business office for survivors on the 17th, the Stiefel Theater will turn their lights purple for two weeks; and will do glow yoga at the K-State and Kansas Wesleyan University campuses.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Joe Hay Jr

Proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Motion Passed**

**2. DOJ FY23 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant, 2023-193**

Lt. Jeremiah Hayes, Sheriff's Office

On September 20, 2023, the Saline County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant from the Department of Justice COPS Technology and Equipment Program for the amount of \$314,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing two Tek84 Intercept Body Scanners and the related warranties and software programs. This equipment is for the new Saline County Jail. The Tek84 Intercept Body Scanners will be in two different areas of the facility. One will be in the front lobby and the other will be in the Intake Area of the Jail. The Tek84 Intercept Body Scanners will be used by staff to scan arrestees and inmates upon their entry into the facility for the purpose of detecting weapons, narcotic, cell phones, and other contraband hidden on an individual. The Saline County Sheriff's Office is requesting for the

Commission to accept this grant to fund the purchasing of the two Tek84 Intercept Body Scanners and the related warranties and software programs. Staff recommends to accept the grant award of \$314,000.00 to fund the purchasing of Tek84 Intercept Body Scanners and related warranties and software programs. There will be no impact to Saline County's operating budget. This is part of the project budget for jail construction; accepting the grant will allow the project to pay for expenses other than the body scanners. Commissioner Robert Vidricksen thanked them for looking for grants.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Joe Hay Jr

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Rodger Sparks

Approve RFA #2023-193 as presented.

**Motion Passed**

**3. RFD #3 Truck Purchase, 2023-194**

Chief Scott Abker, RFD #3

Rural Fire District #3 is seeking approval to purchase a 2018 International 7300 4X4 cab and chassis from Custom Truck out of Kansas City, Missouri. This purchase would replace a 1980 International cab and chassis currently in service at the Brookville Station. The 1980 IHC is difficult to find parts to repair when needed. The Fire District has been looking for a new cab and chassis to replace the tanker truck in Brookville for about 2 years. Each time that we have found something that will work, the vehicle is sold before we have time to hold a board meeting to discuss and obtain County Commission approval. This dealership is willing to hold the truck until we can obtain such approvals. On September 25, 2023, the board of trustees met and voted to purchase the truck pending a visual inspection and test drive in Kansas City and then subject to County Commission approval. The purchase price of the vehicle is \$82,500.00. RFD #3 would request this purchase be made under the Exceptions to Competitive Purchases in Section II of the Purchasing Policy for the purchase of used equipment and impractical situations. The Fire District would utilize funds in the special Equipment account for a down payment and finance the remainder of the balance with First Bank Kansas. The existing bed, 1100-gallon tank, pump system, and firefighting equipment would be transferred over to the new chassis. The Fire District recommends purchasing the 2018 International 7300 cab and chassis to

replace the tanker in Brookville and enter into a finance agreement with First Bank Kansas. The balance in the District's Special Equipment account is \$162,409.00. We would spend \$41,250.0 for the down payment and finance the remaining \$41,250.00 with First Bank Kansas for a term of 5 years at 6.25%. The annual payment would be \$10,000.00 which will be paid out of the new equipment fund in the department budget.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

**Seconded by:** Commissioner James L Weese

Approve RFA #2023-194 as presented.

**Motion Passed**

**4. Farm Bureau Tire Event – ARPA Project Modification Request, 2023-191**

Hannah Bett, Deputy County Administrator

On May 24, 2022, the Commission approved an agreement for the Saline County Farm Bureau to host an event to collect and dispose of waste tires, funded by \$20,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Farm Bureau held an event in August 2022 and billed the County \$6,697.71 for tire disposal and associated costs. On April 4, 2023, the Commission approved an addendum to the 2022 agreement for Farm Bureau to host a second waste tire disposal event. This addendum also reduced the total amount of funding from \$20,000.00 to \$16,268.01 in recognition of the fact that the County had contributed \$3,731.99 for disposal of waste tires through an event hosted by North Salina Community Development. This left a total of \$9,570.30 available for a second Farm Bureau event – 42.9 percent more than the amount spent for the August 2022 event. Farm Bureau held their second event on August 19, 2023. This event collected dramatically higher tonnages of tires than the previous events, resulting in a cost to Farm Bureau of \$20,987.14. On September 14, Farm Bureau requested that the County fund the additional amount spent on this event above the \$9,570.30 available in ARPA funds. Staff recommends that Farm Bureau absorb the cost of \$7.93 for ice and water. While the event was on an undeniably hot day, these expenses were incurred at an out-of-county business and Road & Bridge could have provided ice and water. The remaining incremental cost of \$11,408.91 is proposed to be funded as follows: \$2,400.00 – reallocation of ARPA

funding planned for Surface Transportation; \$632.01 – savings in ARPA allocation for employee development project; \$3.25 – savings in ARPA allocation for disaster kits; \$0.42 – savings in ARPA allocation for internship; \$0.08 – savings in ARPA allocation for employee inflation adjustment; \$3,035.76 – subtotal from ARPA; \$8,373.15 – from Road & Bridge Gravel Road Upgrade line; Total \$11,408.91. This allocation of funds is recommended because ARPA funds are limited and the Commission has previously developed a list of projects for any freed-up funding, whereas Road and Bridge would absorb the cost of disposal of any tires found dumped in County rights-of-way and has indicated that there is available funding in the gravel road upgrade line that will not be spent by the end of the year. Staff recommends approving the concept of paying an additional \$11,408.91 to Farm Bureau and the funding plan as outlined, and directing staff to return with a second addendum to the agreement. This best meets the original intent of the agreement as entered into in 2022. The recommended action would expend a total of \$12,6060.06 in ARPA funds, which are not budgeted per state law, and \$8,373.15 from the Road and Bridge Fund due to unspent funds which are budgeted in 2023. Commissioner Monte Shadwick stated this is a great event. He asked how they are going forward with this. Hannah Bett stated they would hope to continue this event and north Salina is also interested in holding events. Commissioner Robert Vidricksen stated Farm Bureau was very complimentary of the Road and Bridge Department and thanked Farm Bureau. Commissioner James L Weese stated he appreciates the partnership and would like to see it continue.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Rodger Sparks

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

Approve option #1 on RFA #2023-191 as presented.

**Motion Passed**

**5. Roof Replacement – former Juvenile Detention Facility, 2023-192**

Hannah Bett, Deputy County Administrator

On August 01, 2023, the Commission was briefed on a roof leak at the former Juvenile Detention Facility that was refreshed in 2022 to house Human Resources, GIS, and Planning and Zoning functions. The Commission authorized staff to move forward with preparing an invitation to bid. Four bids were received: Diamond Roofing - \$58,470.00, No

Alternative, Start Date 11/15/2023 Completion Date 12/31/2023, Warranty 15 year and 2 year Workmanship; Danker Roofing - \$50,997.00, No Alternative, Start Date 10/31/2023 Completion Date 11/21/2023, Warranty 10 year; Ryan Roofing - \$57,564.00, Alternative \$39,852.00 this would be a flat roof not a tapered roof system, Start Date 30 days after award Completion Date within 14 days of start date, Warranty 15 year; Meridian Roofing - \$64,521.00, Alternative \$36,259.00 this would be a tear off and repair only of the wet sections, Start Date 11/27/2023 Completion Date 12/31/2023, Warranty 10 year. Staff is supportive of: Award the bid to the low bidder Danker Roofing in the amount of \$50,997.00 for a full tear off and replacement of the roof; Award the alternate bid to Ryan Roofing for a flat, non-tapered roof in the amount of \$39,852.00; Award the alternate low bid to Meridian Roofing for a tear off and repair only of the wet sections in the amount of \$36,259.00. Each of these options address the needed repairs. As discussed with the Commission on September 19, 2023, the longevity use of this building is not known but is currently occupied by staff. The cost for this project would be taken from the County CIP fund. Commissioner Joe A Hay, Jr asked about the alternative flat room and if it was still under the 15 year warranty. Hannah Bett stated yes. Commissioner Robert Vidricksen asked why a flat roof versus a tapered roof. Hannah Bett stated the roof is tapered now. Commissioner James L Weese gave his understanding of the product and stated it has a 15 year guarantee and saves \$11,000.00. Commissioner Monte Shadwick gave his experience and stated he leans towards alternate #2.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

**Seconded by:** Commissioner James L Weese

Approve option #2 on RFA #2023-192 as presented.

**Motion Passed**

**F. Informational Items**

- 1. Commissioner Comments**
- 2. Announcements**

Hannah Bett, Deputy County Administrator, reminded the public the County will be closed Monday for Inservice. Jamie Doss, County Clerk, discussed voter registration deadlines.

**G. Executive Session**

**1. Non-Elected Personnel**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

**Seconded by:** Commissioner James L Weese

Recess to Executive Session under Non-Elected Personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss Department Head Evaluation for 15 minutes and reconvene at 9:53 a.m.

**Motion Passed**

**H. 10/10/2023 Agenda Items**

- 1. Operation Green Light for Veterans Proclamation**
- 2. Emergency Management Update**
- 3. Executive Session - Non-Elected Personnel**
- 4. Sheriff's Office Vehicle Bid Awards**
- 5. Presentation on Weatherization**
- 6. Bids for Building Commissioning**

**I. Adjournment**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Rodger Sparks

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Monte Shadwick

Adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

**Motion Passed**

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Commissioner Monte Shadwick, District 1

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Commissioner Robert Vidricksen, District 2



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Jamie R Doss, County Clerk