

**Joint City/County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 14, 2014**  
**Rose Room**  
**Ford County Government Center**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Meeting #4963**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Ford County:* Chairman Chris Boys, Commissioners Danny Gillum and Shawn Tasset. All Present along with Sharon Seibel, County Clerk and Glen Kerbs, County Attorney

*City of Dodge City:* Mayor Brian Delzeit, Commissioners Kent Smoll, Jan Scoggins, Rick Sowers and Joyce Warshaw.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing regarding increased estimated costs of projects to be financed by Special Sales Taxes approved on June 10, 1997.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*City action:* Resolution No. 2014-19 - Authorizing proceeding with projects to be financed from the proceeds of Special Sales Taxes approved at elections held on June 20, 1997 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Kent Smoll, seconded by Commissioner Jan Scoggins. The motion carried unanimously.

*County action:* Resolution No. 2014-15 - Authorizing proceeding with projects to be financed from the proceeds of Special Sales Taxes approved at elections held on June 20, 1997, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Danny Gillum, seconded by Commissioner Shawn Tasset. The motion carried unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The CFAB Recommendation for Features and Amenities for Regional Aquatics Park was discussed. The report was given by Paul Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Dave Schwartz from Water's Edge, the Design Engineer.

Commissioner Smoll asked if the presentation was for amenities included in the \$10,000,000 budget. The answer was yes.

He also asked if the public wanted to comment.

Debbie Snapp has questions – wondered about wave pool in option A. She also asked about spectator bleachers. Asked about the cost of moving the sewer, is it included in the 10,000,000. Asked an operational question – what is opportunity for additional exercises, lessons, etc. and how are swimming lessons going to be expanded. Paul responded that these are programming decisions which haven't been discussed yet. She commented that the desire for the 50 meter pool wasn't just about competition, but there will be more demand with bigger pool and extra water.

Gretchen Torrez wanted to thank the joint commissions for this opportunity. Likes option A with the kiddie pool being shifted down. Likes the wind blowing through the swimming pool, prefers not to have the wind blocked.

Jerry Torrez asked questions about chemicals used and where the kiddie pool is situated.

Brandie Ferguson commented about the location of the pools, wonders if it is possible to see several pools at once. The answer was that in many cases, parents will have to trust that lifeguards will be watching.

Dave Schwartz commented on the location of the pools and the reasons for it. The goal is to make the water safe.

Commissioner Smoll commented that Hays didn't have a very effective way of cordoning off the lap pool from the rest of the center when having a swim meet. At Salina he appreciated the separation of the lap pool.

Commissioner Tasset commented about the blockage for the wind. Do we need to shut down slides in a high wind warning? The design engineer answered that the slides are rated for high wind.

Justin Swift asked if we have considered salt water. Dave Schwartz said it works for smaller pools, but not the bigger pools. He commented that it is hard to keep the hotel rooms full in other times except for the summer time.

Commissioner Smoll asked if there was a dump bucket on interactive play structure. Dave Schwartz answered that we can have it for an additional cost.

**City action:** Commissioner Rick Sowers moved to approve CFAB Recommendation for Features and Amenities for the Regional Aquatics Park, working with Option 1 as presented by Water's Edge. Commissioner Joyce Warshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Ford County Discussion:

Commissioner Tasset asked about the CFAB and what they have seen as far as the drawings and amenities proposed for the Aquatics Park. Danny Gillum asked if CFAB has done their due diligence in looking at all of the features and amenities. Dave Schwartz and Paul Lewis commented.

Mayor Delzeit asked Justin Banning, Chairman of the CFAB, if he felt the CFAB has had adequate information to make a recommendation. He said yes, they had all of the information presented to them.

Paul Lewis commented that what is being presented is the preliminary design concept, but contains all of the elements in the park.

Commissioner Tasset's other concern is: have we made up our mind if we are building a community pool or an attraction. While trying to decide on extra amenities, wondered what to consider and wondered if the wave pool should be considered instead of a lap pool.

Commissioner Smoll commented about what CFAB has seen and the conceptual drawings.

Commissioner Sowers commented on his experience with building these projects and the flexibility that can be had.

Commissioner Tasset asked about the budget. The answer was \$10,000,000.

Mayor Delzeit commented that he thought 10,000,000 is what has been voted on. He is not in favor of exceeding that.

**County Action:** Commissioner Danny Gillum moved to approve CFAB Recommendation for Features and Amenities for Regional Aquatics Park, working with Option A as presented by Water's Edge, Commissioner Shawn Tasset seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1, Tasset opposed.

2. Approval of CFAB Recommendation for Aquatics Park Procurement Process-Report by Director of Parks and Recreation-Paul Lewis. Commissioner Smoll asked if City Manager and County Manager would be in charge of making certain decisions during the process.

**City action:** Commissioner Jan Scoggins moved to approve CFAB Recommendation for Aquatics Park Procurement Process, Commissioner Kent Smoll seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Action:** Commissioner Danny Gillum moved to approve CFAB Recommendation for Aquatics Park Procurement Process. Commissioner Chris Boys seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1, Tasset opposed.

3. Discussion of CFAB Recommendation for Optional Enhancements for Regional Aquatics Park. Report by Director of Parks and Recreation, Paul Lewis. The priorities of the CFAB was a 50 meter pool, one with a 60 ft. addition, and one with a 75 ft. addition. Dave Schwartz discussed costs and benefits.

He then discussed the wave pool and costs.

Commissioner Sowers asked about bidding this as an alternative.

Debbie Snapp commented that a 50 meter pool would be nice, but the Aquatics Task Force is happy with what is proposed. She feels that the project has to be kept to an affordable construction cost so that the admission prices can be affordable. She is not in favor of a cover.

Commissioner Smoll is not in favor of the 50 meter pool being a priority. He would rather have a wave pool.

Mayor Delzeit asked where the additional funds might come from.

Commissioner Smoll just thinks there is additional potential.

Mayor Delzeit commented about who the water park will serve.

Debbie Snapp regrets that the 50 meter pool is about competition. She feels that it is more for water surface space. She talked about a cover. She feels people want outdoor activities. We are really fortunate for the Why Not Dodge tax to be able to have these activities in Dodge City.

Cherise Tieben suggested that the design be expanded to include possible additions to the projects.

Commissioner Tasset asked are we building a community project or an attraction.

**City action:** Commissioner Kent Smoll moved to approve spending additional design fees to include a 50 meter pool and a wave pool, so that these items can be bid as an alternate. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**County action:** None

4. The Commissions discussed continuing Water's Edge Design Agreement to Phase II, final design. The report was given by Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Lewis

**City action:** Commissioner Kent Smoll moved to direct Water's Edge Design to proceed with Phase II, final design with modification to allow design fees for the addition of a 50 meter pool and a wave pool to be bid as alternates. The previous motion will be withdrawn, since it is basically the same action. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**County action:** Commissioner Chris Boys moved to approve to direct Water's Edge Design to proceed with Phase II, final design with modification to allow design fees for the addition of a 50 meter pool and a wave pool to be bid as alternates. Commissioner Danny Gillum seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings were announced.

1. Monday, October 13, 2014 and Monday, December 8, 2014- Tentative Dates for Upcoming Joint Commission Meetings-Rose Room, Ford County Government Center

**Adjournment**

**City action:** Commissioner Jan Scoggins moved and Commissioner Joyce Warshaw seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**County Action:** Commissioner Danny Gillum moved and Commissioner Chris Boys seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nannette Pogue, City Clerk