

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
February 4, 2021

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Trish Giordano, and Alex Tyson

Others Present: Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk and Steve Opat, County Counselor

The following arrived at the meeting: Corey Trumpp, Public Works Administrator; David Walker, USD 475 School Board Member; Leon Osbourn, Kaw Valley Engineering; Jim Schmidt, USD 475 School Board Member

Chairman Giordano called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Giordano explained we are here today to consider the Development Agreement with USD 475 regarding Munson Road. She said it is clear school districts do not built roads so the county must do this project. She discussed the importance of keeping the children safe. She stated that in the future we need to look at the big picture, plan together, and work in collaboration in regard to paving the other half of the road.

Commissioner Tyson stated he has talked to Mr. Trumpp about continuing to look for BUILD grants in the area around the school. He stated this is a step closer in partnerships with all entities.

Commissioner Ascher said it was unfortunate we didn't get the BUILD grant, which is the reason this was left until now. He stated everyone thought we had a good chance in the second round of funding. He hopes we can try again for next year. He stated we didn't know until the fall we didn't receive it. He stated that Craig Bender, MAC, was working on a military grant which was also not received. He stated this agreement is a step in the right direction.

Chairman Giordano stated the USD 475 Board will look at the agreement after the county approves it.


Chairman Giordano moved to accept the Development Agreement between Geary County and USD 475 to improve the public infrastructure facilities, as well as proper access accommodation at the intersection of K-18 Highway and Munson/Ritter Roads. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.

Commissioner Ascher stated he wanted to clarify this is just K-18 to the north property line of the high school. Chairman Giordano stated yes and it will be paid in full by USD 475.

Commissioner Ascher asked how soon the bid packet could be put together. Mr. Osbourn stated they are working on the plans to address the KDOT issues. He stated the Munson easement acquirement price has not been discussed. Commissioner Ascher asked about the electric lines. Mr. Osbourn stated the design is 40 feet wide so the ditches are not real big. He stated the preliminary design has been provided to DS&O and he has gone over them with Mr. Trumpp. He stated that KDOT standards are 8 inches of asphalt. Commissioner Ascher asked if this is code. Mr. Osbourn said yes.

Chairman Giordano moved to accept the professional agreement with Kaw Valley Engineering. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the board of county commissioners the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Chairman - County Commission
Patricia Giordano



County Clerk
Rebecca Nordyke

March 15, 2021
Date