

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner King called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Donna King and Commissioner Kingston Neal

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Commissioner Johnson entered the room at 6:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wyatt joined meeting via telephone at 6:02 pm.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. KCI Ministries request: email January 12. Pastor Lawrence Henderson read submitted request.

Commissioner Johnson clarified times and Commissioner Wyatt clarified length of request.

2. BCBS of IL NFC Healthy Cities resolution: email January 14. Ms. Cowart reviewed grant received of \$60,000.00.

3. Golf Course supplies: early order PO request: email January 13. Ms. Cowart stated the purchase orders are the annual request to receive product at current year pricing.

4. RFP bathrooms Foss Park. Commissioner Wyatt stated the decision on what to do with the bathrooms and electric at Foss Park should be reviewed and authorizes RFP for projects. Commissioner Neal stated sketches with details need to be completed. Commissioner Hawthorn stated she is happy this discussion is happening now.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart reviewed submitted written report that included recreation programs. Ms. Cowart introduced the new Superintendent of Recreation.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Haqq report: Mr. Haqq stated Commissioner King's speech at the Flames ring ceremony was moving, discussed the low voltage rewiring at Golf Course, the heat in the front lobby is out and service came to look at it today and will provide an estimate, the back door is fixed and staff is preparing for the IAPD/IPRA Conference. Commissioner Neal attended the wiring meeting and cat 6 is recommended by the IT company. Commissioner Wyatt briefed the Board on the audit and explained that municipal budgets are behind and asked if fiber was an option for wiring. Mr. Haqq stated he is working on cash reconciliation and supporting documents. Commissioner Neal would like to see the reports.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter reported that routine winter maintenance work continues. Commissioner Neal stated the next culvert work needs to be bid out and Commissioner Johnson agreed. Commissioner Hawthorn stated this has been discussed and work should be completed this time of year.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Commissioner Johnson stated that since the simulator is now up and running, the Clubhouse should be open daily for use by golfers and he would like a time frame on the remodel because the area is much cluttered. Commissioner Neal stated there is a possibility of expansion and that Mr. Monroe works very hard making the course successful, many times on his own. Commissioner Hawthorn stated there should be advertisement for the simulator. Commissioner Neal stated the GPS for the carts is on the way.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Recreation report: Mr. Bregman thanked the Board for the opportunity to become a member of the team.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner King stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:45 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner King called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Donna King, and Commissioner Kingston Neal

Board members absent: Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Commissioner Wyatt joined meeting via telephone at 7:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

1. MINUTES: Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive and Regular Meeting (12/17/2025) with the amendment of his comment in Committee Meeting the tax levy is at a 9% reduction. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner Neal motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (12/11/2025-01/15/2025): \$77,528.36, invoices due \$147,711.48, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$8,176.49 and first of the month bills (February) – approximate: \$29,928.86 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner Johnson motions to approve monthly payroll of \$64,941.62 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS:

5. FINANCE REPORTS: Commissioner Neal motions to approve finance reports and Commissioner reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FINANCE: COMMISSIONER WYATT: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

GOLF: COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

PARKS: COMMISSIONER HAWTHORN: as presented in Committee Meeting.

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER KING: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Wyatt reminded the Board to review the email regarding the Master Plan.

*see above

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: KCI Ministries request

Commissioner Johnson motions approve KCI Ministries request as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal. Commissioner Hawthorn stated the agreement should be executed for six months for review.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: BCBS of IL NFC Healthy Cities resolution #012126

Commissioner Neal motions to approve BCBS of IL NFC Healthy Cities resolution #012126. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Commissioner Johnson verified this was for the grant discussed in Committee Meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Golf Course supplies: early order PO request – Arthur Clesen \$14,381.00 and Pendelton Turf \$9,786.00 for total of \$24,167.00

Commissioner Johnson motions to approve Golf Course supplies: early order PO request – Arthur Clesen \$14,381.00 and Pendelton Turf \$9,786.00 for total of \$24,167.00. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: RFP bathrooms Foss Park

Commissioner Neal motions to approve RFP bathrooms Foss Park with working with Dan Bendixon in design preparation. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES at 7:07 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary