

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, August 11, 2023 10:00 AM

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes.

Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Chairman Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-322) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the August 8, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 23, 320, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 4, 2023 minutes. Row 2: Motion 23, 321, To approve the minimum bids as presented for the properties to be sold at the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale on August 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Health Department Director Debra Anthony an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-323) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:23 AM

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:23 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that the Revenue Neutral Rate mailers have been mailed to the taxpayers in the county. She said that her office has had quite a few questions about the mailer and if anyone is wanting additional information or have questions on the mailer to please contact her office. Commissioner Wood was answered that the mailers went out to on every parcel of land in the county and that the mailers were mailed out in batches and not all in the same day.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody asked Commissioner Blair to give an update on 69 Highway. Commissioner Blair stated that he received a phone call on Tuesday and now a media release has gone out that KDOT has decided that the western alignment is not a feasible option and KDOT will do another study on the existing route. He explained that at the next Local Consult Meeting, Highway 69 will not be discussed as the study will not be completed at that time.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked about a bill for hospital transportation services. Mr. Emerson will review this bill.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the upcoming Back Tax Foreclose sale and asked about any properties that have been redeemed since the meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Emerson stated that there has not been a redemption since the one that was discussed on

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Tuesday. He stated that the landowners have until noon the day of the sale to redeem their property and the website will be updated if any redemptions take place.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed maintenance on the ambulances and would like to speak with EMS Director Randy Sandburg about this issue after budget work sessions are over.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair addressed the RNR mailers. He stated that he has received phone calls on this issue also. He said that he explains to the taxpayers how property taxes are calculated and that a lot of the criteria is mandated by the state. He discussed LAVTR (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction) and stated that Kansas Association of Counties is organizing an education piece on LAVTR. Commissioner Blair spoke about LAVTR and stated that in 2003 the State stopped paying the counties the LAVTR. He stated that there is possibly going to be a campaign to get this corrected to start getting that money back to the counties. Mr. Emerson explained what the LAVTR consists of and said that in the statutes this money should still be paid to the counties. Commissioner Moody stated that it would be a good idea to have our local state legislators attend a meeting. Ms. Lusker will contact the legislators.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the Crawford County Back Tax Foreclosure Sale will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 1:00 in the Courtroom on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse. He said at this time there are still 47 properties listed in the sale. He explained that this year they are going to have everyone pre-register and would like people to arrive a little early and hopefully this will create some organization and save some time during the sale.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood ask about the next local KDOT meeting and Mr. Emerson stated that the KDOT Southeast, District 4 Meeting will be on October 12, 2023 from 9:00 AM to Noon in Iola, Kansas.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 11, 2023 – Work Session on the 2024 County Budget immediately following the Regular Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: August 15, 2023 – Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale at 1:00 PM on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [August 11, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:40 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 8/11/23 10:40 AM/amended BKW 8/14/23 10:30 AM](#)