

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners’ Journal

2022, EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS’ BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Friday, December 16, 2022 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.

Commissioner Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Commissioner Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

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

Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (22-448)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the December 13, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week’s vouchers, and
3. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 618398 to 618668 dated November 14, 2022 in the total amount of \$555,733.69.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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:

Motion 22	440	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 9, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	441	To approve the list for small child care centers for ARPA funding with the exception of the center that was disqualified and reopen the application period

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Motion 22	442	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application APPLICANT: Anthony Pichler “Pichler’s Chicken Annie’s” PREMISES: 1271 S 220th St, Pittsburg, KS (For consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: Anthony Pichler “Pichler’s Chicken Annie’s” PREMISES: 1271 S 220th St, Pittsburg, KS (For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: C & B Investments Inc “Chicken Anniés Girard” PREMISES: 498 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS 66743 (For consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: Pete’s of Erie Inc. “Pete’s #01” PREMISES: 1100 W Hwy 400, Mc Cune, KS 66753 (For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)
Motion 22	443	To approve the publication of the Notice to Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley located in Block 3 in the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas with a hearing date set for January 6, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the County Commission Room
Motion 22	444	To adopt Resolution #2022-018, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees
Motion 22	445	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Arnold Group for Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:55 AM
Motion 22	446	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss ARPA large child care funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:24 AM
Motion 22	447	To approve a 3% cost of living increase for Crawford County Employees starting at the pay period beginning December 21, 2022

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** CVB Executive Director Mr. Dave Looby addressed the Commissioners and introduced Dr. Rick Hardy, Chairman of the CVB Board and Ms. Lynn Grant, Vice Chair of the Board. Mr. Looby stated that the bureau had a great year and addressed some of the quick highlights that happened throughout the year. He said that at this year’s State Tourism Conference the CVB won first place for small budget print marketing from the

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Travel Industry Association of Kansas for a kids coloring book titled *Gus Explores Southeast Kansas*. Mr. Looby explained that our area hosted several area-wide events and discussed some of those events. He handed out some financial information and explained the information to the Commissioners. He discussed hotel occupancy data included in the packet. He stated that included in the financial packet is the Explore Crawford County Board of Directors final 2023 budget which was approved at the CVB Board meeting on Tuesday. He discussed the budget with the Commissioners. Mr. Looby addressed the 2023 Roster of the Board of Directors. He said Brenna Whetzell, sales manager of the Hampton Inn is a new board member for 2023. He gave the names of the board officers for 2023.

**On motion (22-449)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Convention & Visitors Bureau's 2023 budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** EMS Director Mr. Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-450)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:33 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:33 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson spoke about an ambulance that was damaged in an accident. He stated that the vehicle was totaled and there is an insurance settlement. He explained that the EMS has the option to have the ambulance re-chassis and this would allow another vehicle in the rotation.

**On motion (22-451)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the re-chassis of the wrecked 2016 Chevy Ambulance and authorize the spending in the approximate amount of \$31,000.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair discussed the early retirement and said that the Fiscal Office will help any employee understand the paperwork and answer any questions they have.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody stated that Bryan Hoffman was appointed to the CTEC Board and said that Mr. Hoffman contacted him and stated that he has not heard anything from the board. Commissioner Blair will contact CTEC and make sure they are aware of Mr. Hoffman's appointment to the board.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an invoice from the Kansas Association of Counties for the 2023 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$8,069.62.

**On motion (22-452)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the invoice from the Kansas Association of Counties for the 2023 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$8,069.62.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented the documents for 2023 insurance from Surency Vision for vision insurance and Delta Dental for dental insurance. He explained the changes in the policies and the reason the county changed dental insurance. He said the plans were approved in a previous meeting and these are the contracts that need signing.

**On motion (22-453)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the contracts from Surency Vision for vision insurance and Delta Dental for dental insurance and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson discussed a new program that was recommended by the Bukaty Company called NueSynergy. He stated this is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party that will help the county manage Cobra at a very low cost.

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**On motion (22-454)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the contract from NueSynergy and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-455)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Sheriff's Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sheriff Danny Smith and to reconvene by 11:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (22-456)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss ARPA funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:33 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

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**Item One: December 27, 2022 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on the 2022 Amended County Budget.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: December 26, 2022** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

**Item Two: December 30, 2022** – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioner is cancelled.

**Item Three: December 30, 2022** – The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM due to the year-end audit and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Courthouse and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will be closed all day. The Register of Deeds Office will be open until 10:00 AM but will not accept any recordings due to software updates.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [December 16, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:34 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken BKW 12/16/22 11:34 AM/amended BKW 12/19/22 11:30 Am