

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2016, FORTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 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 Carl Wood and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (16-209) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 24, 2016** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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 16	207	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 21, 2016 minutes
Motion 16	208	To adopt Resolution #2016-014, A Resolution Establishing a Special Building Fund for the Purpose of Providing Additional Space for a Residential Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County for Addiction and Crisis Stabilization Services in Pittsburg, Kansas

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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Item One: Public Hearing on closing and vacating a portion of Rosa Street, a platted street in Viewpoint Addition to the city of Franklin, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (16-210) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a portion of Rosa Street, a platted street in Viewpoint Addition to the City of Franklin, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson stated that a formal letter of opposition was received from Mr. John Vinardi and filed with the County Clerk and showed the Commissioner on the map the Rosa Street.

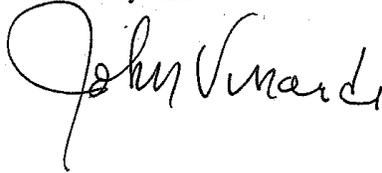
6/20/2016

Don Pyle
Crawford County Clerk

Dear Mr. Pyle,

This letter is to inform you of our opposition to closing Rosa Street in Franklin, Kansas. We have several homes adjacent to Rosa Street and use this road several times daily. We are currently building a new home located at 110 B and have homes at 108 and 110 A which have tenants who use Rosa Street to access these homes. We would appreciate your consideration on this matter, and again, please acknowledge our opposition to closing Rosa Street in Franklin, Kansas. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,
John and Judy Vinardi



Mr. Tim Martin stated he is the one that proposed the vacation. Mr. Emerson explained that the landowners on each side of Rosa Street will each get 20 feet of the street and Mr. Martin stated that John Schaub is the owner on the East side of the street and he has spoken to Mr. Schaub and he does not oppose this. Mr. Martin stated that he has an issue with individuals driving ATV's and loud vehicles through this road and continuing loops through a private drive on Mr. Vinardi's real estate. Mr. Emerson explained that Mr. John Vinardi owns the property on the west side of the north end of Rosa Street and he owns a number of rental houses on that land. Mr. Martin showed the Commissioners on the map where his house was located and the location of Mr. Vinardi's property. He stated that

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Mr. Vinardi's tenants have access from Broadway Street to their houses and do not need Rosa Street for access.

Mr. Vinardi stated he opposes the road closing and that he owns the property at the north end of Rosa Street. Mr. Vinardi stated that he is building a new home on one of his lots and he uses Rosa Street frequently for delivery vehicles and for access to the back houses. Mr. Vinardi stated that there is a private drive at this time from Broadway Street that gives all the tenants' access but stated that if he should sell some of the residences in the future and Rosa Street is closed, the owners of the back houses would have no access to their property. He explained from the map where the houses are and what accesses are used. Mr. Vinardi stated that he feels that if Rosa Street is vacated some of his property could be landlocked in the future.

Mr. Martin stated that he feels Mr. Vinardi's new home is being built too close to the property lines.

Mr. Plank, Zoning Administrator, stated that the residential setbacks are 30 feet from the front property line, 10 feet from the side property lines and 20 feet from the back property line and Mr. Vinardi stated that all the requirements are met with the new home.

Mr. Wood suggested stopping the private drive at a certain point so the loop cannot be driven through to Rosa Street but Mr. Emerson stated that we cannot request that Mr. Vinardi close a portion of his private drive. Mr. Murphy suggested a gate on Rosa Street at Mr. Martin's property line but it was stated that it would still stop access to Mr. Vinardi's property.

Mr. Vinardi stated that it is impossible to control the amount of traffic down a public road.

Mr. Moody stated he wishes he could help Mr. Martin but does see that it is not possible to close this road after Mr. Vinardi's opposition was heard.

Mr. Moody asked Mr. Vinardi if he had an idea for a solution and he stated that he did not as all his houses need access.

On motion (16-211) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a portion of Rosa Street, a platted street in Viewpoint Addition to the City of Franklin, Crawford County, Kansas and to deny the request to close and vacate Rosa Street.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley in the Original Town of Beulah, Crawford County, Kansas.

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On motion (16-212) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley in the Original Town of Beulah, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson stated that the landowner requesting the vacation owns both sides of the alley with the exception of one lot which is owned by Beulah Church and that the Church has no opposition.

No one from the public wished to make any comments against the closing and vacating of this alley.

On motion (16-213) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley in the Original Town of Beulah, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2016-015, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley located adjacent to and West of Lots One, Two, Three and Four in Block Four and East of Lots Five, Six, Seven and Eight in Block Four in the Original Town of Beulah, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS
GIRARD, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-015

A RESOLUTION CLOSING AND VACATING A PLATTED UNNAMED ALLEY IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BEULAH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, there is laid out and established in Crawford County, Kansas certain streets under the jurisdiction of the County, lying over and across the following described real estate:

An unnamed alley located adjacent to and West of Lots One, Two, Three and Four in Block Four and East of Lots Five, Six, Seven and Eight in Block Four in the Original Town of Beulah, Crawford County Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning said road closing was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 and all interested parties were given an opportunity to present arguments for and against said road closing;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published one time in the official County newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners finds that notice has been given as required by K.S.A. § 58-2613 and that the public will suffer no loss or inconvenience by such vacation and that no private rights will be injured or endangered thereby.

Section 2: Pursuant to K.S.A. § 58-2614, the above-described platted alley is hereby formally closed and vacated and the land comprising said alley shall and does hereby revert to the adjoining landowners in the same proportion as it was originally taken, subject and reserving unto the County and any public utilities, however, any right-of-way and easements for public service facilities and utilities which are in existence and in use across said roadway and right-of-way.

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Section 3: The County Clerk is hereby directed to enter a record of these proceedings, as reflected in this Resolution, on the Journal of the Board of County Commissioners and to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Register of Deeds office.

Section 4: The County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each owner of the adjoining real estate to whom the property is being transferred, at the address where the owner's tax statement is sent.

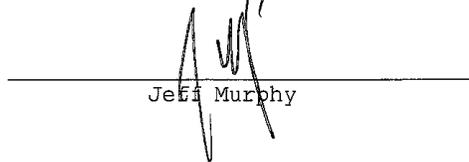
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AND GIVEN under our hands at the Courthouse in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, this 28th day of June, 2016.



Tom Moody, Chairman



Carl R. Wood



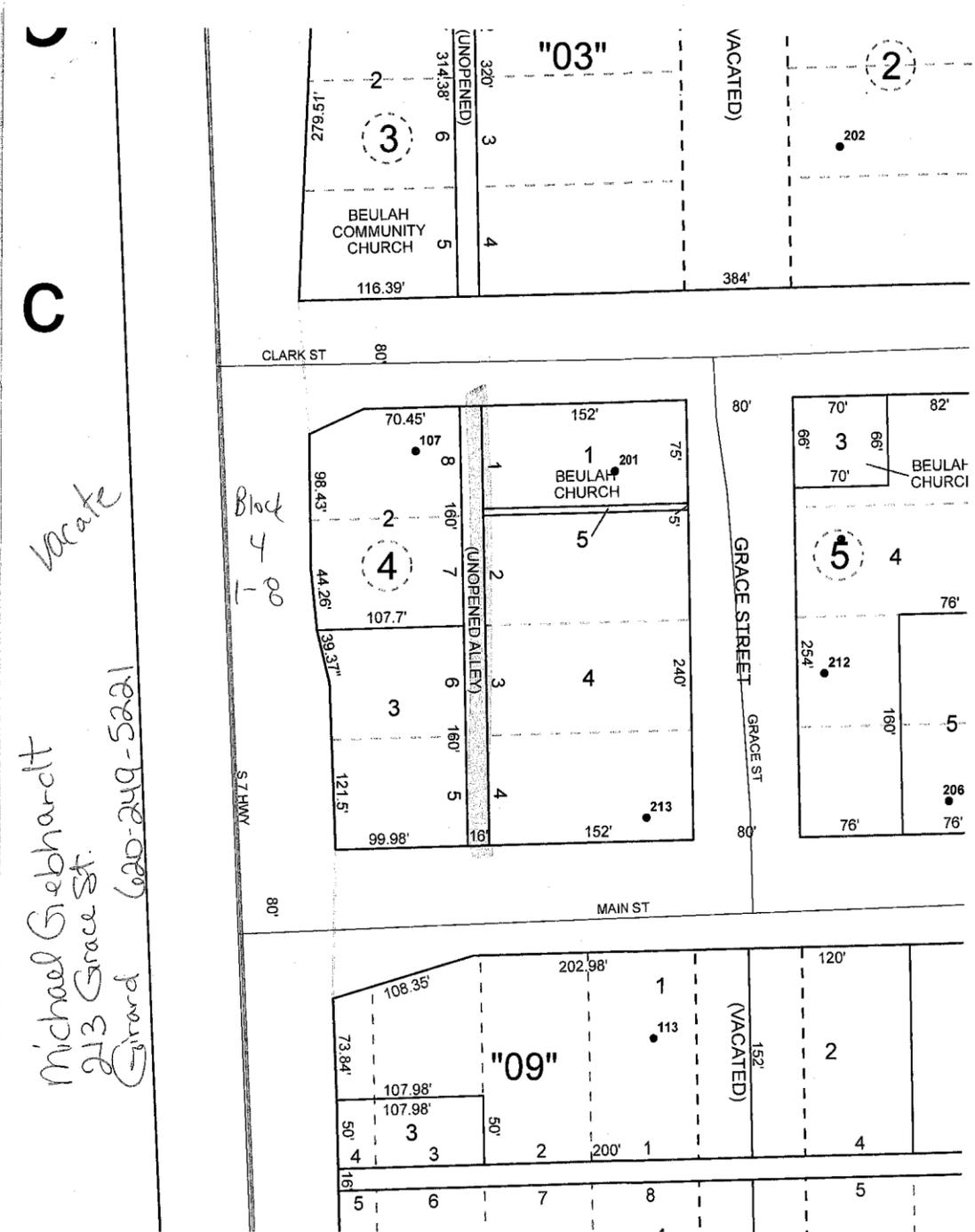
Jeff Murphy

ATTEST:



Donald P. Pyle, County Clerk

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On motion (16-214) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2016-015, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley located adjacent to and West of Lots One, Two, Three and Four in Block Four and East of Lots Five, Six, Seven and Eight in Block Four in the Original Town of Beulah, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley in Markovitch Addition to Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (16-215) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley in Markovitch Addition to Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson stated there are several landowners and each landowner has been notified and there was no opposition.

No one from the public wished to make any comments against the closing and vacating of this alley.

On motion (16-216) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley in Markovitch Addition to Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2016-016, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley located adjacent to and South of Lots One through Twelve and North of Lots Thirteen and Twenty-four all in Markovitch Addition to Radley, Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded plat thereof.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS
GIRARD, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-016

A RESOLUTION CLOSING AND VACATING A PLATTED UNNAMED ALLEY IN MARKOVITCH ADDITION TO RADLEY, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, there is laid out and established in Crawford County, Kansas a certain alley under the jurisdiction of the County, lying over and across the following described real estate:

An unnamed alley located adjacent to and South of Lots One through Twelve and North of Lots Thirteen and Twenty-four all in Markovitch Addition to Radley, Crawford County Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning said street closing was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 and all interested parties were given an opportunity to present arguments for and against said closing;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published one time in the official County newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners finds that notice has been given as required by K.S.A. § 58-2613 and that the public will suffer no loss or inconvenience by such vacation and that no private rights will be injured or endangered thereby.

Section 2: Pursuant to K.S.A. § 58-2614, the above-described platted alley is hereby formally closed and vacated and the land comprising said alley shall and does hereby revert to the adjoining landowners in the same proportion as it was originally taken, subject and reserving unto the County and any public utilities, however, any right-of-way and easements for public service facilities and utilities which are in existence and in use across said roadway and right-of-way.

Section 3: The County Clerk is hereby directed to enter a record of these proceedings, as reflected in this Resolution, on the Journal of the Board of County Commissioners

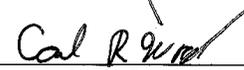
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and to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Register of Deeds office.

Section 4: The County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each owner of the adjoining real estate to whom the property is being transferred, at the address where the owner's tax statement is sent.

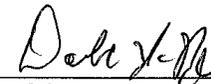
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AND GIVEN under our hands at the Courthouse in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, this 28th day of June, 2016.


Tom Moody, Chairman


Carl R. Wood


Jeff Murphy

ATTEST:


Donald P. Pyle, County Clerk

On motion (16-217) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2016-016, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed alley located adjacent to and South of Lots One through Twelve and North of Lots Thirteen and Twenty-four all in Markovitch Addition to Radley, Crawford County, Kansas according to the recorded plat thereof.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Michelle Hucke, Executive Director SEK Career & Tech Ed, presenting the Year in Review Report. Ms. Hucke stated that she was hired in August of last year. She brought a presentation that she explained to the Commission. In the presentation, Ms. Hucke informed the Commissioners of the Board of Directors, explained the programs available and gave some information about the instructors. She explained the fall enrollment numbers and the spring enrollment numbers and the demographic information on each program. Mr. Murphy was answered about how many students come from each school district in the area. Ms. Hucke listed the major donors for the CTEC. She spoke about the major projects of the center and the goals for the 2015-2016 year. She also informed the Commissioners about some of the students that competed at the state and national level in some of the programs and where they placed at the competitions. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Hucke for her presentation and for all her hard work at the center.

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Board of Directors

July 1st 2015 - June 30th 2016

Board Representation	First Name	Last Name
City of Pittsburg	Monica	Murnan
County Commission Dist. 1	Fred	Geier
County Commission Dist. 2	Mike	Wolownik
County Commission Dist. 3	Jimmy	Pingree
FSCC	Alysia	Johnston
Crawford Co. Commission	Carl	Wood
Business Education Alliance	Byron	Stokes
Pittsburg Schools	Destry	Brown
Frontenac Schools	Rick	Simoncic
Girard Schools	Blaise	Bauer
Northeast Schools	Greg	Gorman
Southeast Schools	Kaci	Coots
Saint Mary's Colgan	Mike	Elder
Pittsburg State University	Bruce	Datlman
City of Pittsburg	Blake	Benson

Programs at a Glance

- ▶ CTEC
 - ▶ Welding
 - ▶ Limit: 16 per section
 - ▶ 1 full time instructor, 2 adjunct instructors
 - ▶ Construction Trades
 - ▶ Limit: 20 per section
 - ▶ 1 full time instructor, 2 adjunct instructors
 - ▶ Masonry
 - ▶ Limit: 20 per section
 - ▶ 1 full time instructor
 - ▶ HVAC
 - ▶ Limit: 20 per section
 - ▶ 1 full time instructor, 1 adjunct instructor

Program Information

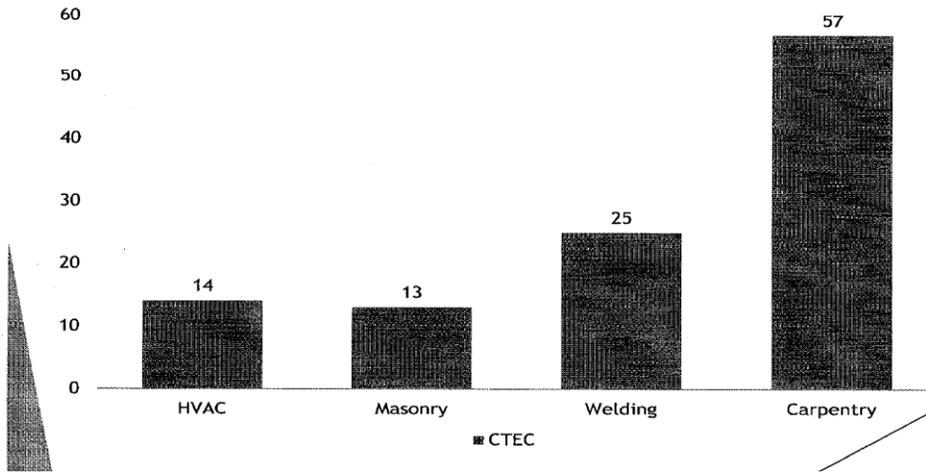
- ▶ HVAC
 - ▶ Certificate
 - ▶ Associate of Applied Science
- ▶ Construction Trades
 - ▶ NCCER Certificate
 - ▶ Associate of Applied Science
- ▶ Masonry
 - ▶ NCCER Certificate
- ▶ Welding
 - ▶ AWS Structural Certification D1.1
- ▶ Spring 2016 - 27 Certifications and 2 AAS Graduates
- ▶ Spring 2016 - 3 Kansas Champions in Carpentry and Masonry
- ▶ Summer 2016 - 1 National SkillsUSA Champion in Carpentry
1 National Bronze Medal in Masonry

Fall 2015 Enrollment

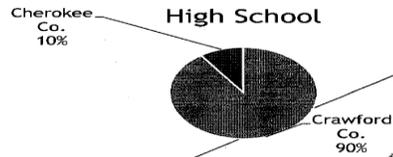
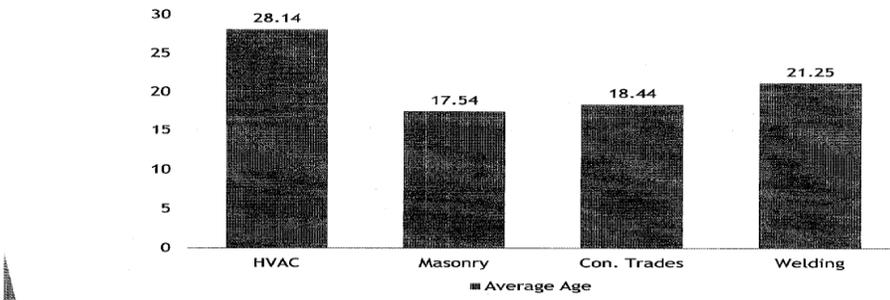


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Spring 2016 Enrollment

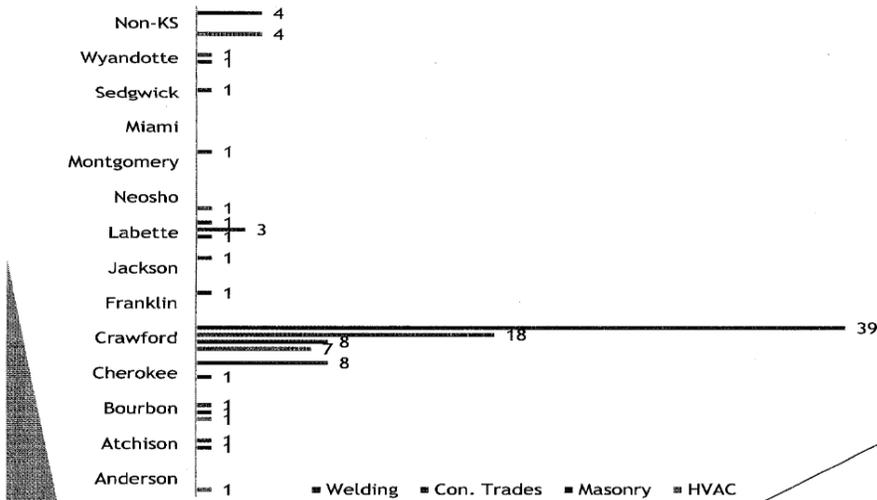


Demographic Information



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Demographic Information Enrollment by County



Major Donors

- ▶ National Christian Foundation (Bicknell Family)
 - ▶ \$1,000,000
- ▶ City of Pittsburg
 - ▶ \$300,000
- ▶ Crawford County
 - ▶ \$125,000/year for 3 years
- ▶ Kansas Crossing
 - ▶ \$400,000/year for 10 years
- ▶ Adult Education Center/USD 250
 - ▶ Computer lab chairs
- ▶ Pittsburg State University
 - ▶ 10 Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, and Accessories
- ▶ Anonymous Manufacturer
 - ▶ HVAC - 23 units (\$25,000 value)
- ▶ Perkins
 - ▶ 10 simulation welders
 - ▶ 3 welding stations
 - ▶ 10 HVAC toolkits (\$23,000 value)

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Major Projects

- ▶ HVAC Lab
- ▶ Kansas DCF GOALS Program
- ▶ Computer Lab
- ▶ Electrical Upgrades
 - ▶ Welding
 - ▶ HVAC
- ▶ Administrative Office Renovation
- ▶ Security
 - ▶ Exterior lighting update
 - ▶ Total facility lock and key replacement
 - ▶ Monitoring system (NVR, cameras, alarm panels, glass break sensors)
- ▶ Gigabit Internet Installation

Legal and Organizational

- ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Social media, website creation, Google Business/SEO
- ▶ Internal Revenue Service
 - ▶ 501c3 application in review
- ▶ Agreements
 - ▶ Greenbush, FSCC
- ▶ Internal Organization
 - ▶ Operating Agreement, Articles of Organization, emergency policy, financial policy, financial reporting, student handbook, student scholarship policy, nondiscrimination policy, mission statement

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Goals 2015-2016

- ▶ Expand FSCC Partnership
 - ▶ Growing Growers (horticulture/local food production)
 - ▶ CDL (Commercial Drivers License) program
 - ▶ Community classes
- ▶ Short - Term Certifications
 - ▶ Business training (custom experience)
 - ▶ Specific skill development
 - ▶ Computers/technology, maintenance processes, supply chain management, OSHA, manufacturing, personal effectiveness/communication, leadership, teamwork, customer service, management/supervisory development, awareness issues, quality systems
 - ▶ Virtual certifications
- ▶ Automotive Technology
- ▶ New classrooms construction

Michelle Hucke
Executive Director
620-687-7282
michelle.hucke@greenbush.org

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Mac Young, District Court Administrator presenting the District Court 2017 budget request. Mr. Young stated that for fiscal year 2016 the allotment was \$424,550 and he is proposing \$442,500 for 2017. Mr. Young stated that all the courts in Kansas have now went to electronic case filing and he explained the license fees for the increase in users for the data base. Mr. Young explained the details of the budget request and the requested increases.

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11th Judicial District

**Annual Budget
K.S.A. 20-349
General Fund Account**

Form No. JA 101
Rev. 4/16
Crawford County, Kansas

Expenditure Detail	Actual Previous Year - 2015	Estimated Current Year - 2016	Proposed - Budget Year - 2017
Personnel Services			
Salaries			
Fringe Benefits			
Health Insurance			
Contractual Services			
Indigent Services			
Legal Defense	\$153,067.85	\$158,750.00	\$162,500.00
Witness Fees and Travel			
Transcripts	\$13,300.64	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
Medical/Psychiatric Exam	\$1,931.62	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Other (Publications)	\$1,503.58	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Juvenile GAL			
Mentally Ill GAL			
Alcohol Treatment			
Drug Tests	\$867.50	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Judges Pro Tem	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Court Reporters			
Interpreters	\$1,238.17	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Trial Costs			
Juror Fees and Travel	\$2,857.08	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Juror Meals			
Other			
Travel	\$5,400.04	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Education, Tuition and Training	\$1,609.24	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Equipment Rental	\$4,139.44	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$13,873.72	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Microfilming	\$6,246.69	\$3,050.00	\$3,500.00
Postage	\$17,671.05	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
Rent			
Telephone	\$37,382.88	\$39,000.00	\$40,000.00
Utilities	\$63,114.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Computer Services	\$2,526.25	\$8,500.00	\$17,500.00
Fax Service			
District Expense			
Other (Professional Memberships & Subscriptions)	\$3,427.84	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Commodities:			
Printing and Office Supplies	\$21,848.18	\$26,935.00	\$25,000.00
Recording Tapes			
Other (Books)		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Capitol Outlay:			
Office Equipment	\$19,197.76	\$28,000.00	\$25,000.00
Recording Equipment			
Other (Janitorial & Maintenance)	\$10,252.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00
Special Projects:			
TOTAL	\$381,955.53	\$422,735.00	\$442,500.00

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that there was a meeting of the Employee Benefits Committee and that the committee is trying to get reorganized since a lot of members have retired or have left. He wanted to know how the Commissioners would like to handle the vacancies on the committee and what the role of the Committee should be. Mr. Pyle stated that the Committee needs new members and that there is currently no Chairman or Vice Chairman. Mr. Moody stated that the members should be replaced as they leave and he

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would like the committee to take on the same role as it has had in the past. Mr. Wood said he would like representation from the each aspect of the county.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson addressed the insurance claims on the county buildings that were damaged in the storm through EMC Insurance. Mr. Emerson explained the claim and how payment would take place. Mr. Wood was answered that it is one claim with one deductible for all the damage.

On motion (16-218) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to accept the check from EMC Insurance Company for claims on several County owned buildings resulting from damage sustained in recent storms and authorize the Chairman to sign the Claim Forms.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Murphy spoke about the Economic Development Committee meeting in McCune and stated that the focus areas are being worked on. He addressed businesses that would be interested in tax incentives and stated he will be working on this. Mr. Murphy stated that Mr. Kenny Stotts presented him with a letter for the Commissioners to review to the Department of Veterans Affairs in reference to housing and employment for veterans in Crawford County and is requesting the Commissioners sign the letter.

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Crawford County Commissions
Crawford County Courthouse
111 E. Forrest St
Girard, KS 66743

June 27, 2016

Department of Veterans Affairs
2200 S.W. Gage Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66617

Dear Sirs:

It has been over 25 years since the beginning of Operation Desert Storm. Conflicts come and go, but as a country we must continue to assist veterans and their families through their transition back to normal life, both now and in the future.

In a recent *USA Today* article titled "Fast and Furious," a portion of this said article was dedicated to veterans and where they are today. The article focused on back to work relationships between veterans and U.S. employers. It also listed five award winning companies that are among some of the best employers in terms of putting veterans first: Hilton Worldwide, CVS Health, Walmart, Union Pacific R.R., and General Mills.

According to the Department of Labor, roughly 80% of military jobs have a civilian equivalent, and an increasing number of employers have recognized that actively recruiting and hiring veterans can be good for both their companies and their communities.

Crawford County is located in Southeast Kansas. The county also has an excellent military friendly college, Pittsburg State University, located in Pittsburg, KS. The university has programs for ROTC and the National Guard and honors veterans with the beautiful PSU Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre.

The Commissioners of Crawford County Kansas would like to offer our county as a possible future location for a new business dedicated to hiring veterans first. With the majority of the country going green, companies such as solar and wind industries would provide long-lasting jobs both now and in the future for veterans. This would also help the county save money and avoid infringing on local businesses. Additionally, the county is seeking out possible locations and funds for housing development designed for veterans.

Therefore, we would appreciate any effort by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and be forever grateful for your assistance in finding a business that shares our belief in putting veterans back to work.

Sincerely,

Crawford County Commissioners

On motion (16-219) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs in reference to Veteran's Employment and Housing Opportunities in Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Murphy addressed the mowing in his district and asked about his crew working extra hours to get the mowing caught up. The Commissioners discussed comp time versus overtime pay. Mr. Murphy stated that this is just temporary for maybe a month or so to get caught up.

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Item Five: Mr. Wood stated that the boom mowers will be delivered at 1:00 PM today. He also discussed payment for the mowers.

Item Six: Mr. Murphy asked about the status of the reclaimer.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 1, 2016 – 2017 Budget Request Work Sessions with Ryan Varsolona, Jim Emerson, Joe Grisolano and Tom Sighel starting at **8:30 AM**.

Item Two: July 1, 2016 – 10:00 AM Public Hearings to close & vacate a platted street & a Public Hearing to close and vacate a roadway and right of way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: July 4, 2016 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the **June 28, 2016** meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:14 **PM** and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

Board of Crawford County Commissioners



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
Taken by BKW 6/28/2016 12:14 PM/amended BKW 6/30/16 3:00 PM