

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2017, SEVENTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**On motion (17-088)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 3, 2017** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

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 17	82	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 28, 2017 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the March 2, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners
Motion 17	83	To approve the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment Aid to Local Grant Application and Authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	84	To approve sponsoring the Breakfast for the County Weed Directors Association of Kansas Summer Conference on Wednesday, August 8, 2018

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Motion 17	85	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by the Thomas E Kirkland Revocable Trust and to request a refund in the amount of \$202.30 from the 2014 tax rolls and the amount of \$239.82 from the 2015 tax rolls and Authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	86	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Richard D & Diana L Wilson and to request a refund in the amount of \$519.64 from the 2015 tax rolls and Authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	87	To adopt Resolution #2017-007, Resolution Amending the Crawford County Employee Policy Manual

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Jason VanBecelaere, Emergency Management Director presented Resolution #2017-010 and Proclamation, A Resolution and Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Crawford County Kansas. Mr. VanBecelaere stated that this is needed to try to receive funds from the State for the storm damages from last night. He informed the Commissioners of the areas of Crawford County that were affected and some of the damages that were caused.

**On motion (17-089)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution #2017-010 and Proclamation, A Resolution and Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Dave Garrett, Secretary of the Crawford County Fire Chiefs' Association gave the Commissioners a copy of the minutes from the organization's meeting held last night. He also handed out the burn guidelines for the Association. Mr. Jason VanBecelaere stated that the Fire Chief's Associations recommended that the burn ban remain in effect and not to allow any person to burn and for it to remain in effect until a significant amount of rain is received. Mr. VanBecelaere explained the reasoning for not allowing any burning at all. Mr. VanBecelaere spoke about the fires in Western Kansas. He explained that the Association was not willing to allow special burning permits during a burn ban and a discussion was held on CRP burning. A discussion was held on what will take place if a burn ban is violated. Mr. Garrett stated that the fire department can go and put out the fire but has no authority to do anything about violating the burn ban. Mr. Pyle had information he presented from Sheriff Dan Peak on the process that takes place when a burn ban is violated. The Commissioners feel that the punishment involved in violating the burn ban needs to be settled immediately. Mr. Murphy stated that this all needs to be ironed out now as he feels there will be burning since it has rained even

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though the burn ban is still active. The Commissioners would like to meet with Mr. Gayoso and Sheriff Peak today if possible or a least by Friday.

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**Item One:** Mr. BJ Harris, Executive Director, Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau presented a quarterly update. Mr. Wood first commended Mr. Harris on the Junior College Indoor Track Meet held this weekend in Pittsburg. Mr. Harris explained the quarterly update. He reported on the Hotel Occupancy and explained a graph for the years 2015 thru 2017. He then explained the Crawford County Hotel Average Daily Rate for 2015 and 2016. He presented the Transient Guest tax collection over the last 6 years. He showed the website page view comparison. Mr. Harris spoke about the campaign launched to promote the new Logo. He showed the Commissioners the new Logo for the Visitor' Bureau and would like the Commissioners approval of the logo and explained how he would like to incorporate this logo in county wide efforts. The Commissioners and Mr. Harris discussed the Logo and different options available. He showed the Commissioners a list of conferences held previously and conferences that are coming up in the future. Mr. Harris also stated that he has 2 new bids out. Mr. Moody asked about bidding state basketball tournaments.

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

**Item One:** Mr. Wood discussed machinery.

**Item Two:** Mr. Wood stated that everything is ready for the City/County Luncheon and explained some of the items that will be discussed during the Luncheon.

**Item Three:** Mr. Wood stated that he has not signed the bids for the dump trucks and wanted to inform the other Commissioners of this and stated that the trucks have not been ordered. Mr. Emerson explained the reason why Mr. Wood did not sign the bids.

### **UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle requested approval of the 2017 Clerk's report. He explained the reasoning for the differences in the CVB Payments to the Plaster Center. A discussion was held on the Transient Guest Tax and on the Sewer District Funds.

On motion (17-090) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the February 2017 Clerk's Report as presented.

#### **On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated that there will be a USD 250 Bond Election held on March 14, 2017. He explained that there will be an Early Voting Center at the Meadowbrook Mall on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM both days. He also stated that early voting is now taking place in the County Clerk's office until 12:00 noon on March 13, 2017. He showed the Commissioners a press release that he sent to the newspaper. Mr. Pyle stated that the canvass for the USD 250 Bond Election needs to be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 and it was decided to hold the Regular Session after the canvass on that day and to cancel the meeting on March 21, 2017.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson stated that he had some information from Mr. Mike Peak about the fence around the barn. The Commissioners stated that they would like to speak to Mr. Peak directly and requested that Mr. Emerson contact him and ask him to come to the meeting on Friday.

**Item Four:** Mr. Jim Emerson presenting Resolution #2017-009, a Municipal Lease Resolution of the County Commission of the State of Kansas authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Municipal Lease Agreement (Labette Bank BANK LEASE) and Other Documents and Agreements in Connection Therewith. Mr. Emerson explained that this is for the lease purchase for the new 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup for the Emergency Management Director.

**On motion (17-091)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2017-009, a Municipal Lease Resolution of the County Commission of Crawford County Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Municipal Lease Agreement (Labette Bank BANK LEASE) and Other Documents and Agreements in Connection Therewith and to Authorize the Chairman to Sign and the County Clerk to Attest.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated that he had received email from the State about the tax abatement policy and explained the details of the email and discussed this with the Commissioners. They also discussed a current situation on a property in the county. Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2017-008, A Home Rule Resolution Adopting an Economic Development Tax Exemption Policy for the Unincorporated Areas of Crawford County, Kansas.

**On motion (17-092)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2017-008, A Home Rule Resolution Adopting an Economic Development Tax Exemption Policy for the Unincorporated Areas of Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Six:** Mr. Murphy presented a plan that County Surveyor Mr. Ron Albertini drew out for the Sewer System at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Murphy stated that he will present this to the Fair Board for approval. He also discussed the lagoons and the pumps. Mr. Wood asked how many pumps will be installed and Mr. Murphy stated that he needs to talk to Haynes Equipment Company about the pumps but feels that 1 pump should be enough. Mr. Murphy explained some of the details of the plan. The Commissioners discussed the use of County equipment and the operators needed for the installation of the Sewer System.

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: March 10, 2017 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Elected Officials and Department Heads to review the changes to the Employee Policy Manual.

**Item Two: March 14, 2017 –** Mr. Jim Hanni with AAA Insurance presenting the Platinum Award for Traffic Safety to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

**Item Three: March 20, 2017 –** Meeting of the Board of Canvassers to canvass the votes for the 2017 USD 250 Bond Election.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: March 9, 2017 –** City/County Luncheon at the Pittsburg Fire Station #1. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

**Item Two: March 21, 2017 –** The Regular Session on the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

### **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 [March 7, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:58 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**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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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**  
**[Taken BKW 3/07/2017 11:58AM/amended BKW 3/9/17 11:30 AM](#)**