

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **EIGHTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, November 3, 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.

Commissioner 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 (23-459) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 31, 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:

Motion 23	455	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 27, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	456	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:13 AM

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Motion 23	457	To approve the Kansas Housing Notice of Financial Award Grant Agreement Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	458	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:47 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair mentioned that he found the commission meeting video that Commissioner Wood has previously requested in prior meetings that mentioned the partnership between Point Forward and Harmony for the ARPA Large Childcare funding. Also, some paperwork with the mentioning of the partnership was passed out as well. Commissioner Blair stated that the commission meeting that discussed the partnership was from December 27, 2022. Commissioner Blair asked Commissioner Wood if that video takes care of the concerns he had with the situation and Commissioner Wood stated he had no comment. Commissioner Blair once again addressed that they spent a lot of time attempting to make the funding fair for everyone involved.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked Sheriff Danny Smith what is being done with all of the Homeland Security Equipment that was purchased before he became Sheriff. Sheriff Smith asked Commissioner Wood what equipment he was referencing to specifically and he replied with the portable radio tower, two large generators, and the Winnebago RV. Commissioner Wood said people have been talking about how the County is responsible for keeping this equipment up and ready to go. He questioned if the Winnebago is kept up to standard due to a radio situation. Sheriff Smith informed him that issue was part of the ARPA request they submitted, and that it could still be deployed and they could have radio banks brought in to have them mounted in the Winnebago. He explained they continue with maintenance on this equipment and that it is ready to be deployed at any time. Commissioner Wood stated that the person he had discussed this issue with is not in law enforcement but is heavy in the County and was discussing that they should know where all of this equipment is. Sheriff Smith explained he is aware of all the equipment that they have, where the equipment is located, that maintenance is kept up with, and if anyone has any questions, they are more than welcome to contact him. Commissioner Wood asked who takes care of the insurance on all that equipment and Sheriff Smith stated the Sheriff's Department takes care of that. Sheriff Smith stated they also have a light tower from Homeland Security and Commissioner Wood asked if it is in their possession and if it can be used for other things and he was answered yes to both.

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Item Three: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the October 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of October. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the September 2023 to October 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison.

On motion (23-460) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the October 2023 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: County Counselor Jim Emerson said he had a request for a work session from EMS Director Randy Sandberg on November 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM if everyone is available. The Commissioners agreed to the work session.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented a letter of support from Coordinated Transit District #10 for support on their application to KDOT for funding. He mentioned it has previously been supported by the Commissioners for several years now and that he has personally attended some meetings with KDOT and SEK-CAP and that they do a lot of attempting to make sure district rides are coordinated to help people get where they need to go. It is not specific to Crawford County as the district coordinates transportation between several places, but it does benefit Crawford County as well. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if SEK-CAP is still in business since CHC SEK took over some transportation as well and he mentioned that from what he has heard, yes they are and that they both provide transportation services.

On motion (23-461) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the letter of support for the Coordinated Transit District #10 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair mentioned to Sheriff Danny Smith that he had discussed with SEK-CAP about giving rides to inmates who have been released and that they said they can if it fits in their schedule. They discussed about how it could work in some cases but is not a sustainable or reliable means of transportation for inmates due to the short notice of being released.

Item Seven: Commissioner Moody mentioned that he spoke to his four employees that were sent to the asphalt conference and that they mentioned that it was beneficial and

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seemed to obtain a lot of useful information from the conference. Commissioner Blair mentioned he had heard the same thing and that it was beneficial and worth the time.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if they will be making a decision the day that EMS Director Randy Sandberg comes in for a work session and Mr. Emerson mentioned he believes Mr. Sandberg is providing them with additional information when he comes. It was not mentioned what this was in regards to, but Commissioner Wood stated for Mr. Emerson to inform him that he will not be making a decision the same day.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with some information in regards to property that CHC owns behind the Lamplighter Inn. He mentioned that CHC will be building a hospice facility on the property they have been US Highway 69 and Hugh Street in Pittsburg. This facility is expected to open in May 2025. He explained that CHC received \$5,000,000 in federal grant money, a \$1,000,000 donation from the Mount Carmel Foundation, and the total project is predicted at \$8,000,000. Commissioner Moody mentioned that if he understands correctly CHC will have to have a discussion with City of Frontenac due to one of the possible entrances and KDOT in regards to the other possible entrance.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson passed out a paper to the Commissioners and stated that the first two pages give an overall view of where they are at with the budgets right now. He asked the Commissioners to draw their attention to a few budgets that will need to be looked into amending at the end of the year and said these funds include the General Fund, Road and Bridge, Operating Reserve, and Health Department.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if the County has a contract with the Fair Board and City of Girard. He answered that the County does not. He explained the City of Girard owns the fairgrounds and they have a lease with the Fair Board to run the fair. Commissioner Wood said that is what he had thought but wanted to be clear as he was discussing with someone who thought there might be a contract. He then asked for clarification that all improvements made to the Fair Grounds are done by the Fair Board and Mr. Emerson responded that yes and also assuming done with permission from the City of Girard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Carl Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-462) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:51 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 14, 2023 – 9:30 AM Work session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 7, 2023 – 2023 City/School General Election. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Item Two: November 9, 2023 – LEPC Meeting at Ascension Via Christi at 8:00 AM.

Item Three: November 10, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed and the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [November 3, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:47 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

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 11/09/23 RJA 12:05 PM/amended BKW 11/9/23 12:30 PM