

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, October 28, 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 Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.
County Clerk Lisa Lusker was seated with the Board. County Counselor Jim Emerson was present via telephone call.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (22-383) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the October 25, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson 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 22, 382, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 21, 2022 minutes

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

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MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Blake Benson, President of the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioners and introduced the class of Leadership Crawford County. He said that the Leadership Crawford County consists of individuals that dedicate 1 day a month for 6 months to learning more about Crawford County. He explained the purpose of the group.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressed the Commissioners and spoke about the work session this morning on ARPA funding. He talked about small child care centers and explained what small child care centers are. He requested that the Commissioners approve the application for ARPA funding for small child care centers including pre-schools. There was a discussion on starting the process of distributing the applications for funding to licensed child care centers. Commissioner Blair explained to the audience how the ARPA funding was distributed throughout the county and stated that none of the funding was spent outside of county needs. Commissioner Johnson addressed child care in the county and how the need for child care in the county came about and how the process for ARPA funding for child care took place.

On motion (22-384) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the application for ARPA funding for small child care centers including pre-schools.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that there will be an early voting site on Saturday at the Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. She also stated that any registered voter may come into the County Clerk's office and vote early Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until November 7, 2022 and voting is open until noon on that day.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson explained to the audience executive sessions and why executive sessions are held. He also explained open meetings and stated that if 2 or more Commissioners are more are in the same place at the same time, it must be announced in advance as it could be considered an open meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Item One: Commissioner Blair discussed crack sealing. The Commissioners discussed the advantages of crack sealing. Commissioner Blair reported on discussions he had with some distributors of the machine and supplies and also discussions with other counties that use this process. He explained the process of crack sealing.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson reported on the CTEC CDL training and the help needed from the Road & Bridge department on the training site.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson stated that the FEMA money was received from the storm near the Langdon Lane Area. Commissioner Blair explained to the audience about the severe weather that took place in May of 2019 and the cleanup of the area. He stated that the man hours, materials used and equipment costs were recorded and submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. Commissioner Moody explained that the area was declared a disaster by FEMA. Commissioner Johnson stated that the FEMA reimbursement was \$189,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Tom Moody requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-385) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 via telephone call and Health Department Director Ms. Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:45 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (22-386) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Employee Handbook under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson via telephone call, Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and County Clerk Lisa Lusker and to reconvene by 11:02 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:02 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Three: Ms. Lusker presented the ARPA draw down request for the month of October.

On motion (22-387) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for October.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [October 28, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:08 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson 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 10/28/2022 11:08 AM/amended BKW 10/31/2022 11:00 AM](#)