

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2022, [SEVENTY-FIRST](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, October 7, 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 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 (22-370)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the October 4, 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:

Motion 22	362	That the consent agenda be approved including: 1. Approval of the September 30, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners
Motion 22	363	To open the Public Hearing on closing unopened streets in Makuc's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 22	364	To close the Public Hearing on closing unopened streets in Makuc's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 22	365	To adopt Resolution #2022-015, A Resolution Closing Two Unopened Streets in Makuc's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 22	366	To approve the September 2022 Clerk's Report as presented

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Motion 22	367	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:18 AM
Motion 22	368	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:28 AM
Motion 22	369	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Courthouse Employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:38 AM

### 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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-371)** 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 Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:20 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 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he has received requests for three work sessions, October 14 2022 at 9:30 AM with Communications Director Tim Mikrut

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for a project update, October 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM with Ryan Insurance for a claims update and October 28, 2022 with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner for an ARPA update. The Commissioners agreed all of the work sessions.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson informed the Commissioners that the fence viewing scheduled for October 21, 2022 will need to be rescheduled. He explained that he made contact with a surveyor that has agreed to help and the surveyor needs additional time to do some preliminary work. Mr. Emerson stated that another date will be set when the surveyor is ready.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair stated that the new bridge reports came in and the Commissioners discussed work needed on the bridges.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission monthly meeting yesterday and discussed a program through the USDA on housing preservation. He also discussed a project that is being done on property in McCune at the McCune Friendship Villa. Commissioner Blair stated that the City of Girard had a similar project and Commissioner Moody discussed a grant the City of Frontenac received to install new sidewalks.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he spoke to Kris Mengarelli from CTEC about developing the pad for the CDL training through CTEC. He explained that right now there is a temporary spot set up near the Freeto building but they are wanting the permanent one near the CTEC building. Commissioner Johnson said that Mr. Mengarelli discussed having the county's assistance to help prep the area and to haul rock. He discussed the costs involved and a Department of Commerce program to help with the costs. Commissioner Johnson discussed classes already scheduled and a waiting list of over 30 people.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair discussed when road striping will start and also stated he would like to meet with Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano about the road plan during a work session.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody stated that Mr. Emerson and himself meet with Pittsburg City Commissioner Mr. Chuck Munsell and Frontenac City Mayor Mr. Dave Fornelli about the Joe Saia Overpass and what is needed done and what the county can do to help. He said that the City of Frontenac has hired Triad Engineering and hopefully will have a report from Triad sometime next week on what needs to be done to the overpass.

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: October 14, 2022 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Communications Director Tim Mikrut discussing project update.

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**Item Two: October 21, 2022** – Mr. Wayne Gudmonson and other representatives from KDOT addressing the Hwy 160 Expansion project.

**Item Three: October 21, 2022** – Work Session with the Arnold Group immediately following the regular session.

**Item Four: October 25, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Ryan Insurance addressing claims update.

**Item Five: October 28, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressing overall ARPA update and ARPA child care funding.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: October 10, 2022** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

**Item Two: October 11, 2022** – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday and a meeting conflict.

**Item Three: October 11, 2022** – Pittsburg Economic Outlook Conference at the Overman Student Center at Pittsburg State University from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

**Item Four: October 15, 2022** – Girard Fall Festival. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

**Item Five: October 17, 18 & 19, 2022** – Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Overland Park Kansas. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

**Item Six: October 18, 2022** – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Commissioners attending KAC.

### 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 [October 7, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:27 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.**

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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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

[Taken BKW 10/7/2022 10:27 AM/amended BKW 10/13/2022 10:00 AM](#)