

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2018, SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 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 Jeff Murphy served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (18-329) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the September 7, 2018 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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 18, 327, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 4, 2018 minutes. Row 2: Motion 18, 328, To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Shop Foreman Greg Hite and to reconvene by 11:16 AM.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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## MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Ms. Mary Kay Caldwell, President, SEK Humane Society addressed the Commissioners and stated that a new drainage system has been installed at the Humane Society and the drainage problem has been fixed. She gave the Commissioners a report on all the improvements that have been done to the facility. Mr. Moody stated that he has seen it and it looks really nice. Ms. Caldwell stated that the facility is in desperate need of driveway improvements as the potholes are really bad and is asking the Commissioners for assistance with this issue. Mr. Paul Keys, SEK Humane Society Board Member answered Mr. Moody that the driveway is higher than the building but with the new drain installation the water no longer enters the building. The Commissioners and Mr. Keys discussed the best way to repair the driveway and it was decided the best solution is to build the driveway from the bottom up and then place asphalt in top. Mr. Moody stated that he would like to have Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano assess the drive and see what it would take to complete, but the work will not be able to be done this year. The Commissioners stated that a temporary fix of the driveway can be done this year by grading and adding rock. Mr. Keys will contact the grader operator for Commissioner Murphy's district and make plans to have the driveway graded. Mr. Keys stated that they are finalizing the plans for upgrading the lagoons at the facility. Ms. Caldwell invited the Commissioners to attend an Open House at the facility on October 7, 2018 and thanked all the Commissioners for their help. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Caldwell for all her hard work in keeping the Humane Society in operation.

**Item Two:** Mr. Adams Lusker, Lusker Masonry addressed the Commissioners about his proposal on the restoration of the Courthouse. Mr. Wood stated that 4 companies want to bid on this job. He stated that he feels a scope of work needs to be set for the companies to bid from. The Commissioners decided to have Mr. Robert Gorentz, Maintenance Supervisor set up a scope of work for the companies to bid.

## MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Rep Lusker stated that there will be a Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force Meeting in Pittsburg on September 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Jack Overman Student Center with public comment at 12:30 PM. He explained what will take place at the meeting and what needs to be submitted before the meeting.

## MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Murphy stated that he asked Zoning Administrator Troy Graham to be present today. Mr. Murphy stated that he contacted City of Pittsburg Deputy City Manager Mr. Jay Byers about the Silverback Landing Development Project. He said that Mr. Byers requested a meeting today at 2:00 PM with Mr. Graham and County Surveyor Ron Albertini. Mr. Murphy explained that Mr. Albertini is unable to attend today. The

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Commissioners discussed hiring an engineer to do a drainage study. Mr. Murphy stated that he is not comfortable approving the hiring of an engineer until he gets more information from the city. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Graham will attend the meeting with the City at 2:00 PM today and Mr. Emerson will discuss the engineering bids later in the meeting.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued**

**Item Three:** Mr. Zac Dickey, Mr. Brannon Green from Next Generation Insurance Agency and Mr. Blake Hiatt from Assured Partners Consulting addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Dickey and Mr. Green explained to the commissioners that their insurance agency in Pittsburg can provide great local service to the county for their health insurance needs. They also discussed that through their alignment with Assured Partners Consulting they have the resources of the largest underwriter of public sector health insurance to help them provide the experience and expertise that the county needs. Mr. Blake Hiatt that his service group in Kansas City, MO, will be available to assist county personnel and employees with a range of health insurance and human resources issues. There was a discussion of the scope and terms of the services that they could provide and that they should submit a proposal along with references.

### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he forwarded the Commissioners an email from the Kansas Association of Counties that included information on the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force and also information on the upcoming KAC conference.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated that he received an email from IMA Consulting asking about the consulting services for Crawford County for the next year. The Commissioners discussed the other consulting companies that are interested in working with the County. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Pyle get together all the information on the companies interested in consulting services for the county and request that Ms. Cristi Mitchell from Blue Cross and Blue Shield attend a meeting to discuss the consulting services and other questions the Commissioners have. The Commissioners tentatively scheduled a work session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative Cristi Mitchell at 9:00 AM to discuss the 2019 health insurance.

**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle stated that he was contacted by Derfelt Mortuary about an indigent burial. Mr. Pyle will obtain more information and discuss this at a later date.

**Item Four:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that Mr. Murphy has requested that Ms. Roz Moiser be appointed to the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Committee.

**On motion (18-330)** of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the appointment of Ms. Roz Moiser to the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Committee.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Five:** Mr. Moody stated that he was contacted by Mr. Matt Blessant, Mulberry Limestone asking when the Commissioners were going to decide on his conditional use. He stated that Mr. Blessant has all the information ready that the Commissioners requested. Mr. Wood stated that he was contacted by Mr. Ira Sponsel and they are ready to meet with the Commissioners also. The Commissioners decided to readdress this issue in a regular session and Mr. Emerson will contact the parties and decide on a date.

**Item Six:** Mr. Moody addressed drafting letters of support on Highway 69 and a letter of support on lowering the speed limit on the bypass around Arma to be submitted to the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force.

**On motion (18-331)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to authorize Jim Emerson to draft a letter of support for Highway 69 and a letter of support for lowering the speed limit on Highway 69 Bypass around Arma to submit to the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force and authorize the Commissioners to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Seven:** Mr. Wood addressed the bids on the engineer firms for the drainage study for the Silverback Landing Development Project. Mr. Emerson stated that he contacted 3 engineering firms and one firm declined to bid and he had no response from another. He stated that he received a proposal from Mr. Frank Young with Ag Engineering. Mr. Emerson gave information on some of the work that Mr. Young has done. Mr. Emerson presented the proposal from AEA to the Commissioners.

**On motion (18-332)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the proposal from Mr. Frank Young, Ag Engineering for the drainage study on the Silverback Landing Development Project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Eight:** Mr. Wood addressed annexation by cities. Mr. Emerson explained the statues on annexation. Mr. Emerson reviewed the circumstances that allow cities to annex property into the city limits and what is required for these annexations to be approved. There was a discussion of some annexations that have occurred in the past and some areas of the county that could be annexed in the future.

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## UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle requesting approval of the August 2018 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle presented the Commissioners with information on the expenditures from the Tourism and Convention Fund. The Commissioners discussed some of these expenses.

**On motion (18-333)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the August 2018 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.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (18-334)** of Commissioner Murphy 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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:36 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:26 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:33 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (18-335)** of Commissioner Murphy 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 5 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:39 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:34 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:38 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: September 14, 2018 – 8:00 AM** Work Session to sign September mid-month bills.

**Item Two: September 18, 2018** – Mr. Mac Young Community Corrections Administrative Director, presenting Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2018 Year End Outcome.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: September 18, 2018** – City/County Luncheon at 11:30 AM at Pallucca’s Event Hall. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

**Item Two: September 20, 2018** – Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force Meeting in Pittsburg. 10:00 AM at the Jack Overman Student Center. With public comment at 12:30 PM.

## UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [September 11, 2018](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:41 PM 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.**

**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 9/11/18 12:41 PM](#)