

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2017, [SIXTY-EIGHTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS [Friday, September 8, 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 (17-314)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [September 5, 2017](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	312	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 1, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	313	To approve the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Contract for Coordination of Early Detection Works Provider Services in Southeast Kansas and authorize the Chairman to sign

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

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### MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One: Mr. Pyle requesting approval of the Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three and Fire District Number Four of Crawford County FY 2018 budgets.**

**The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed Fire District Number Two FY 2018 budget:** Mr. Mike McLeod, Fire Chief, presented a list of the reasons and goals for requesting a mill levy increase. He explained the list and stated that they maintain their funds very carefully. He also spoke about his current equipment and the plans to buy equipment in the future. He explained some of the goals for firefighters. Mr. McLeod explained the separate budgets for the City of Arma and Fire District # 2 and what the City of Arma contributes to the Fire Department. He stated that this is a volunteer fire department and most of the firefighters have full time jobs and they receive a small stipend to attend calls. He commended his firefighters and the job they do.

**The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed Fire District Number One FY 2018 budget:** Mr. Mike Ryan, Fire Chief, gave background information on the District and the statistics of the district. He explained the ISO rating for the district. Mr. Ryan said that the ISO rating went from 9 to a 6 for almost all the district. He stated that some of the larger homes insurance rates went down 50% due to the ISO rating change. He explained the training and equipment needed for the district and stated that one of the main reasons for the mill levy increase is to replace 2 older pumper trucks. Mr. Ryan explained the costs involved for new firefighters for training and equipment. He commended his firefighters for the work they do.

**The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed Fire District Number Three FY 2018 budget:** None

**The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed Fire District Number Four FY 2018 budget:** None

Mr. Pyle explained why some of the Fire Districts require a Resolution.

Mr. Pyle presented Resolution #2017-025, a resolution to allow **Fire District Number One** to increase its spending authority.

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-025

*A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Crawford County Fire District Number 1 governing body with respect to financing the annual budget for 2018*

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2018 budget of the Crawford County Fire District Number 1 exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2017 budget of the Crawford County Fire District Number 1, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2016, be authorized by a resolution adopted in advance of the adoption of a budget supported by such levy; and

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, also provides that current year revenue that is produced and attributable to the taxation of (1) new improvements, (2) increased personal property valuation other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes, (3) property located within added jurisdictional territory, and (4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when determining whether revenue produced from property tax has increased from the preceding year; and

Whereas, Crawford County Fire District Number 1 provides essential services to its citizens; and

Whereas, the cost of providing these services continues to increase.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Crawford County Fire District Number 1 governing body that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2018 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2017, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

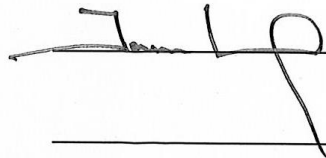
Adopted this 8th day of September, 2017 by the Crawford County Fire District Number 1 governing body, Crawford County, Kansas.

Crawford County Fire District Number 1 Governing Body

  
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Attest by County Clerk:

  
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**On motion (17-315)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2017-025, a Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2018 Annual Budget for **Crawford County Fire District Number One**, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays: Commissioner Murphy

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Mr. Pyle presented Resolution #2017-026, a resolution to allow **Fire District Number Two** to increase its spending authority.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 17-026

*A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Crawford County Fire District Number 2 governing body with respect to financing the annual budget for 2018*

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2018 budget of the Crawford County Fire District Number 2 exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2017 budget of the Crawford County Fire District Number 2, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2016, be authorized by a resolution adopted in advance of the adoption of a budget supported by such levy; and

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, also provides that current year revenue that is produced and attributable to the taxation of (1) new improvements, (2) increased personal property valuation other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes, (3) property located within added jurisdictional territory, and (4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when determining whether revenue produced from property tax has increased from the preceding year; and

Whereas, Crawford County Fire District Number 2 provides essential services to its citizens; and

Whereas, the cost of providing these services continues to increase.

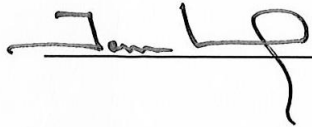
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Crawford County Fire District Number 2 governing body that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2018 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2017, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2017 by the Crawford County Fire District Number 2 governing body, Crawford County, Kansas.

Crawford County Fire District Number 2 Governing Body

  
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Attest by County Clerk:

  
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**On motion (17-316)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2017-026, a Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2018 Annual Budget for **Crawford County Fire District Number Two**, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays: Commissioner Murphy

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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Mr. Pyle presented Resolution #2017-027, a resolution to allow **Fire District Number Four** to increase its spending authority.

## RESOLUTION NO. 17-027

*A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Crawford County Fire District Number 4 governing body with respect to financing the annual budget for 2018*

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2018 budget of the Crawford County Fire District Number 4 exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2017 budget of the Crawford County Fire District Number 4, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2016, be authorized by a resolution adopted in advance of the adoption of a budget supported by such levy; and

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, also provides that current year revenue that is produced and attributable to the taxation of (1) new improvements, (2) increased personal property valuation other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes, (3) property located within added jurisdictional territory, and (4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when determining whether revenue produced from property tax has increased from the preceding year; and


Whereas, Crawford County Fire District Number 4 provides essential services to its citizens; and

Whereas, the cost of providing these services continues to increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Crawford County Fire District Number 4 governing body that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2018 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2017, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2017 by the Crawford County Fire District Number 4 governing body, Crawford County, Kansas.

Crawford County Fire District Number 4 Governing Body

  
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Attest by County Clerk:

  
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**On motion (17-317)** of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2017-027, a Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2018 Annual Budget for **Crawford County Fire District Number Four**, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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Mr. Moody stated he understands the need for the increase in the budgets and stated that they are volunteer firefighters that risk their lives every time they go on a call and he wants the fire fighters to have updated and proper equipment to work with and proper training.

Mr. Wood explained that he has been a board member of Fire District Number #1 and all of his family live in that district and the ISO rating change has saved the taxpayers in that district a lot of money and also understands why the fire departments are requesting a mill levy increase.

Mr. Murphy stated that he feels the mill levy increase is too much for the taxpayers and that he feels that if there is a mill levy increase it should be countywide.

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## CERTIFICATE (2)

Table of Contents:		2018 Adopted Budget					
		Page No.	Res./Notice of Vote	Expenditures	2017 Amount of Ad Valorem	County Clerk's Use Only	
						Nov. 1 Final Assessed Valuation	Computed Mill Rate*
Fund	K.S.A.						
Fire District Number 1	19-3610	2	Yes	223,232	187,126		
Fire District Number 2	19-3610	3	Yes	170,755	131,590		
Fire District Number 3	19-3610	4	No	63,027	47,494		
Fire District Number 4	19-3610	5	Yes	58,025	48,538		
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Sewer District Number 1	10-113						
Sewer District Number 2	10-113						
Sewer District Number 3	10-113						
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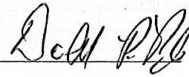
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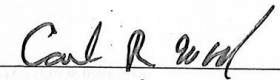
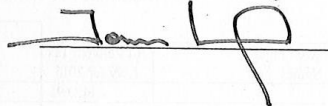
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Attest:



Donald P. Pyle  
County Clerk

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\*Note: The November 1 valuation should be entered only if an amount is entered in the ad valorem column.

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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

**Crawford County**

will meet on August 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Crawford County Courthouse in Girard, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Crawford County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2018 Expenditures and Amount of 2017 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2018 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2016		Current Yr Estimate 2017		Proposed Budget Year 2018			
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	2017 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*	July 1 Est. Valuation
Other District Funds								
Fire District Number 1	190,153	5.00000	192,305	5.00000	223,232	187,126	6.500	28,787,011
Fire District Number 2	102,193	5.00000	141,615	5.00000	170,755	131,590	7.000	18,799,681
Fire District Number 3	51,107	5.00000	59,757	5.00000	63,027	47,494	5.000	9,498,199
Fire District Number 4	54,296	5.00000	55,950	5.00000	58,025	48,538	5.000	9,707,898
Non-Budgeted Funds								
Sewer District Number 1	0							
Sewer District Number 2	50,861							
Sewer District Number 3	61,436							
Sewer District Number 4	47,431							
Sewer District Number 5	0							
Southridge Paving District	13,870							
Fire District #1 Reserve Fund	29,614							
Fire District #3 Reserve Fund	0							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>600,961</b>	<b>20.00000</b>	<b>449,627</b>	<b>20.00000</b>	<b>515,039</b>	<b>414,748</b>	<b>23.500</b>	

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Don Pyle  
County Clerk

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**On motion (17-318)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt the **Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three and Fire District Number Four** of Crawford County FY 2018 budgets as published.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays: Commissioner Murphy

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

## MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Randy Chiartano and Mr. Charles Sullivan of CFS Engineers with an update on the Centennial Bridge Project. Mr. Sullivan explained to the Commissioners what the construction company has accomplished on the Centennial Bridge. He stated he has contacted the Mission Construction Company for an updated schedule and has not received a return call. There was a discussion on the concrete deck of the bridge that was poured and about the number of employees the company has working on the bridge at the current time. Mr. Sullivan discussed the liquidated damages and the penalty involved.

**Item Two:** Mr. Mike Peak, Sign Foreman and Mr. Randy Chiartano, Asphalt Foreman, addressed road striping. Mr. Wood stated that part of the Kings Highway edges and no passing zone will be striped and the City of Pittsburg will pay 1/2 of that cost. The Commissioners discussed striping on Gooding Road and decided on edges and center line and cost sharing with Frontenac. Mr. Moody spoke about a few other roads he wants striped including the Freeto road from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to Atkinson. Mr. Chiartano stated that they will also stripe Homer Cole parking lot after it is paved. Mr. Chiartano discussed the County road projects still in the process and what still needs to be done and some work

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for the City of McCune, City of Walnut and a ball park in Arma. The Commissioners all agreed that the County work needs to be complete before assisting the Cities.

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**  
**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**  
**PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that a Salvation Army representative came by to talk about services for veterans and their families. He stated that the representative will be back in a couple of weeks with more information.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated that a life flight insurance company contacted him about insurance for employees. There was a discussion on the different life flight companies and who would pick you up in an accident. The Commissioners would like more information on these companies and their benefits.

**Item Three:** Mr. Murphy stated that there is an Economic Development Committee meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the City of Frontenac at 5:30 PM. Mr. Murphy invited the other Commissioners to attend.

**Item Four:** Mr. Moody stated that Ms. Mary Kay Caldwell contacted him and asked for 6 to 8 loads of rock for their driveway and parking lot. Mr. Murphy wants to make sure the rock doesn't interfere with the drainage problem that Mr. Albertini is currently working on. The Commissioners agreed to get the rock for the Humane Society.

**Item Five:** Mr. Wood discussed untarped County dump trucks. He stated that he is upset as the crews know that the trucks are to be tarped. Mr. Moody suggested sending a memo to road foremen stating that all loads are to be tarped and if not complied with, the employee will be sent home for the day.

**Item Six:** Mr. Wood stated that he was concerned about a work comp case going to the emergency room. It was discussed that the rules are stated in the new handbook which has not been printed or distributed yet to the employees. Mr. Pyle will work on getting the handbooks printed.

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

**Item Two:** Mr. Murphy spoke about a brush cutter attachment for a skid loader or track hoe. Mr. Wood has inquired about this and will check into it.

**Item Three:** Mr. Murphy discussed neighborhood revitalization. Mr. Emerson will have some information on neighborhood revitalization next Friday for the Commissioners to view.

**Item Four:** Mr. Wood discussed the Road and Bridge Equipment Reserve Fund and what money is there and what is being paid for. He handed out a spreadsheet with the details of



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the fund for the other Commissioners to look over. The Commissioners discussed the equipment being paid for out of the fund and when some equipment will be paid off.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (17-319)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:37 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**Item One: September 12, 2017** – Mr. Rick Pfeiffer presenting a Proclamation.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **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 8, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:52 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.**

**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 9/8/17 11:52 AM/amended BKW 9/11/17 2:30 PM](#)