

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SIXTY-SEVENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, September 8, 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 (23-361) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 5, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, 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:

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| Motion 23 | 358 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 1, 2023 minutes |
| Motion 23 | 359 | To approve the 11 th Judicial District Community Corrections FY24 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary and authorize the Chairman to sign |
| Motion 23 | 360 | 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 10:35 AM |

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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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned the Kansas State Fair had asked the County Clerks to have a member of the community create a table top scarecrow for a new contest at the fair this year. Ms. Lusker had asked Ms. Angie Hadley if she would be interested and Ms. Hadley had also included Ms. Pam Richie and Ms. Megan Bower from Restorative Justice Authority. Ms. Lusker presented a picture of the scarecrow that was created using Kansas crops such as sunflowers, straw bale, straw wheat, and also included quilts and recycled items. She wished them luck in the competition that took place on Friday September 8, 2023.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood mentioned the fire at C&D Landfill on Friday September 1, 2023 and discussed having a meeting with Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins about this issue.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair mentioned he had discussed the equipment schedule with Shop Foreman Josh Peak. He stated that Mr. Peak asked if the Commissioners would consider purchasing a new scanner for diagnostic testing of equipment and the reasoning was included in the memo from Mr. Peak that Commissioner Blair presented to the other Commissioners. Commissioner Wood questioned if this equipment would also serve the Dodge and Ford equipment the county owns or if it is limited to Chevrolet.

On motion (23-362) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve Shop Foreman Josh Peak to purchase a diagnostic scan tool if it meets the requirements for the purchase price of \$3,124.64.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson brought up that Sunday September 10, 2023 will be the Blessing of the First Responders at 10:00 AM in Girard.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker requested having a final work session in regards to the 2024 Budget. The work session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed asphalt. He stated he discussed with Mr. Matt Bacon from the City of Pittsburg about the project being done of Free Kings Highway and he plans meeting with Foreman Dustin Blair next Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Commissioner Wood also mentioned on September 12, 2023 they will be fixing a rail road crossing on 520th and it could be closed for one or two days but he is unsure of the exact amount of time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-363) 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 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 10:28 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:13 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:28 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 (23-364) 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:44 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:29 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:44 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (23-365) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss transmission lines and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:02 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-366) 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 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding courthouse staff and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:22 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:02 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:14 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-367) 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and to reconvene by 11:29 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:23 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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Item Six: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-368) 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss contracts with landfill and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:39 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:24 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:39 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, 2023- 9:00 AM Work session on the 2024 County Budget.

Item Two: September 15, 2023 – Revenue Neutral Rate Hearings and Budget Hearings for Crawford County & Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1,2 & 4 for FY 2024 and FY2024 Fire District No. 3 & Sewer District Budgets.

Item Three: September 19, 2023 – Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 14, 2023- SEK Officials District Meeting in Cherokee County.

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, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:42 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.

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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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken 09/11/2023 RJA1:30 PM/amended BKW 9/11/2023 1:45 AM](#)