

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, April 3, 2015, 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 (15-091) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 31, 2015** minutes of the Board of 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 15	85	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 27, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	86	To approve the Emergency Solutions Grant Application for the Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc, and authorize the Chairman to Sign
Motion 15	87	To adopt Resolution #2015-007, A Resolution to deny the request for a Conditional Land Use for a new church known as Liberty Baptist Church at 1714 W 20 th St with reasons for denial being the proposed structure and use not in the same general character of the neighborhood which is residential and agricultural and the concern about safety of the roadway and the entrance to the property

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Motion 15	88	To adopt Resolution #2015-010, A Resolution to deny the request for a Conditional Land Use for a cell tower and height variance for American Tower, Inc. at 1028 S 190 th St, Pittsburg, KS with reasons for denial being the placement of the tower on the subject property does not fit with the general character of the neighborhood which is rural residential and agricultural and concerns from neighbors, with opinions from realtors, regarding their property values decreasing if the use was allowed
Motion 15	89	To appoint Ms. Stacy Burns as Sheridan Township Treasurer to complete the remainder of the term for the deceased treasurer Mr. Robert Burns
Motion 15	90	To approve the Purchase of an F-250 Pickup Truck from KDOT for an amount up to \$4,500

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Brian Coomes, PEC Engineering, regarding the City of Girard Project for the improvements to the courthouse square. Mr. Coomes stated that KDOT has informed him that the savings from eliminating the bump outs on the inside of the square, estimated at \$150,000, could be used to include the sidewalks inside the square which is estimated to cost \$130,000. KDOT did not want the changes to raise the total cost of the project, which it does not. Mr. Coomes explained that the city had discussed that they had hoped that the 20% match of the cost of the construction of the interior sidewalks would be paid by the county which would be approximately \$26,000. Mr. Coomes also discussed that the city hoped that the county would also pay for 10% of the match portion of the engineering costs which would be about a \$4,000 expense to the county. There was a discussion of the cost savings that could be realized by the county performing the removal of the interior sidewalks and that the county would really only save the 20% match on those costs since the total cost of the project would decrease and the amount paid for with KDOT grant funds would also decrease.

Ms. Julie Smith, Girard Chamber President, stated that the City of Girard wants to work with the county to get all the sidewalks on the interior of the square included on this project and the Commissioners stated that they wanted to work with the city on this project also. There was another discussion of how the 20% match portion of the interior sidewalks works and that the county would need to be prepared their match portion by April of 2016. Commissioner Murphy felt that offering to commit to pay for just the 20% match on the additional sidewalk, which is about \$26,000, would be enough since the engineering costs would have already been incurred. Mr. Ragonese discussed the current condition of the sidewalks and that some areas are in need of replacement.

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On motion (15-092) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve an offer of \$20,000 to the City of Girard for the county portion of the cost to replace the sidewalks on the interior of the Courthouse Square.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays: Commissioner Murphy

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS:

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a schedule for Christy Mitchell from Blue Cross & Blue Shield to discuss the Risk Management Fund and the claims that have been made in recent months. Mr. Emerson stated that he was unsure of the time since the canvass meetings generally begin at 9:00 AM. There was a discussion of the estimated time for the canvass. It was decided to commence the regular meeting on April 13, 2015, at 9:00 AM, with the meeting of the Board of Canvassers to follow immediately.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy wanted to discuss the amount of rock being used and the amount remaining in their budget for rock. There was a discussion that nearly 40% of the budget for rock had already been used in 2015 and that they need to slow down on rock usage in order to avoid getting too deep into that budget too early. There was a lengthy discussion of how much rock is used on roads and where it all goes and it was decided to advise the foremen to slow down on rock use. Mr. Chiartano and the Commissioners also discussed the asphalt and chip & seal programs.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody asked if Mr. Chiartano had discussed with Tyler Harrell the potential of the county assuming responsibility for the roads in their subdivision. It was discussed that an engineering firm would have to confirm that the road in that area is in compliance with county specifications before this can happen.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood regarding a list of the individuals that have been identified to invite to a luncheon with Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King on April 22, 2015, at the Homer Cole Building. Mr. Wood asked the Commissioners to review the list and identify anyone that needs to be added or deleted from the list.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood requested a work session with Randy Chiartano after the regular meeting to discuss some bridge deck issues.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood regarding the sale of the old roller that is being replaced by the roller that was just purchased. There was a discussion of listing the roller on Craigslist and the Commissioners wanted Greg Hite to take care of this.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Mr. Don Pyle, County Clerk requesting the Commissioners approval of the March 2015 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle informed the Commissioners that the new PHAP Grant Fund was for the new Public Health Action and Prevention Grant Funding that was recently received by the Health Dept.

On motion (15-093) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the March 2015 Clerk's Report.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presenting an amendment on the contract for a bridge contract through KDOT. Commissioner Wood was upset that this bridge project had taken so long and that it cost additional money. The Commissioners decided that they would like to see some additional information on this project before approving this.

Item Three: Commissioner Murphy had a request from a citizen to remove loose large rocks from the ditches in his district. The individual wanted the rocks to landscape in his yard. County Counselor Jim Emerson had a form that the individual could sign to protect the county from liability issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 7, 2015 – 9:00AM Work session with Jim Emerson, County Counselor and representatives of providers of services to residents with developmental disabilities.

Item Two: April 13, 2015, 9:00 AM – Christy Mitchell of Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be present to discuss the Crawford County Health Insurance Plan.

Item Three: April 13, 2015, 9:00 AM – Meeting of the Board of Commissioners with the Canvass of the Ballots from the 2015 City/School General Election to commence immediately after the Regular Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 14, 2015 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [April 3, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:18 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:

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
[Taken by DPP 4/03/15 at 11:18 AM, Amended by DPP on 4/03/15 at 3:44 PM/amended BKW 04/06/2015 2:35 PM](#)