

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, April 7, 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 (15-094) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 3, 2015 minutes of the Board of 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:

Motion 15	91	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 31, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	92	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
Motion 15	93	To approve the March 2015 Clerk's Report

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: Commissioner Carl Wood requesting an executive session.

On motion (15-095) of Commissioner Wood 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 personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Attorney Michael Gayoso and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

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 10:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

Item One: Mr. Tom Ragonese regarding his visit with the Girard City Commission in connection with the renovation of the square in Girard. Mr. Ragonese stated that the city was not receptive to the offer of \$20,000 for the county portion of the expense to replace the interior sidewalks. Mr. Ragonese stated that the Girard City Attorney felt that it was premature to try to come up with definite amounts that the city and the county would need to contribute to pay for these renovations. The City of Girard has asked PEC Engineering to make changes to the plans for this project that would include the interior sidewalks that need to be submitted to KDOT by April 17th. It was thought that after bids are received on this project the city and county could look at the actual bid amounts and then discuss how the grant match would be paid. At that time, if the city and county cannot agree on how to pay the match on the interior sidewalks that portion of the project can be eliminated. The City of Girard had indicated that they would keep the county informed of what is going on with this project.

PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS:

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding a refund of 2015 Property Insurance Premium from Ryan Insurance Agency. Mr. Pyle stated that Ray Ryan had left the check and paperwork for the refund in his office on April 6, 2015. Mr. Pyle stated that it appears that the original insurance premium for 2015 was miscalculated. The Commissioners agreed that it should be applied as a credit against the original premium. It was discussed that with this refund the total premium for 2015 was about \$453,000.

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Item Two: Commissioner Wood stated that he feels that the county needs to be very careful with spending for the rest of this fiscal year since he feels that there may be more cuts from the state on funding.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Murphy wondered if County Clerk Don Pyle had made any progress on researching the creation and use of equipment reserve accounts by many of the departments in the county. There was a discussion of how this kind of system might work and how to keep track of the funds. Commissioner Moody was concerned that this could reduce cash carryover in the General Fund which could end up causing the mill levy to be increased. The Commissioners stated that they would be interested to learn more about how that system would work and also be aware of how it could affect the cash carryover at the end of each year.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy regarding his discussions with Randy Chiartano about the amount of funds for Asphalt and Chip & Seal work. Mr. Murphy stated that he thinks that there is about \$1,000,000 in the 2015 budget for asphalt and chip & seal work. Commissioner Wood is worried that the state will cut funding in several areas and that the county needs to be conservative in spending this year in order to have more available for 2016. Commissioner Murphy wanted to be sure that he understands how it is decided that the entire funding for these items is spent during the year. Mr. Murphy felt that it would be helpful if the Commissioners were made aware of the patching needs on the roads and a plan is then developed each year that details how much patching is done. Mr. Murphy also discussed some calculations the he made after discussions with Randy Chiartano and that those calculations indicated that the county needs to have about \$1,250,000 in the budget for asphalt and chip & seal work. There was a discussion of how to prioritize how the budgeted funds are spent on roads and that all of the commissioners need to work together to make those funds go as far as possible. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to see a county road plan developed based on traffic counts and the conditions of each road.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood regarding a discussion that he had with KDOT officials regarding the amended contract for the bridge project that is being completed in the southeast part of the county. Mr. Wood stated that he felt that the county was taken advantage of in this situation but that the county is bound by the agreement to pay for these additional inspection services in this case. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to see an invoice for the inspection services before this is approved. It was decided to try to set up a conference call with the engineers or have them appear in person at the commission meeting on April 17, 2015.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood regarding a conversation with Greg Hite about listing an old roller on Craigslist. The Commissioners all thought that would be a good way to dispose of this old piece of equipment.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: 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 Two: 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

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [April 7, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 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 4/07/15 at 11:10 AM, Amended by DPP 4/9/2015 at 2:25 PM/amended BKW 04/09/2015 3:49 PM