

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, August 25, 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 was seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

**UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion (15-238) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the August 21, 2015 minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

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	237	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 18, 2015 minutes
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**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

Item One: Having been scheduled for 10:00 AM on August 25, 2015, Chairman Wood opened the hearing on the Crawford County FY 2016 budget.

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On motion (15-239) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to open the public hearing on the **Crawford County** FY 2016 budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The following appeared in favor of the budget: None

The following appeared in opposition to the budget: None

The following appeared to receive answers to questions about the budget: None

On motion (15-240) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the public hearing on the **Crawford County** FY 2016 budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed Crawford County FY 2016 budget:

Mr. Pyle distributed copies of Resolution #2015-027, A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2016 Annual Budget for Crawford County, Kansas and there was a discussion of the reasons that a resolution is needed for the county budget.

County Clerk Don Pyle distributed copies of the Crawford County 2016 Budget to the Commissioners.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-027

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners with respect to financing the annual budget for 2016.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2016 budget of Crawford County exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2015 budget of Crawford County, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2014, 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 provides essential services to protect the citizens of the county; and

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

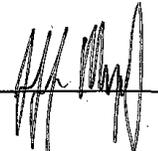
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2016 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2015, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

Adopted this 25th day of August, 2015 by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.
Crawford County, Kansas.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

 Chairman

 Member

 Member

On motion (15-241) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution #2015-027, A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2016 Annual Budget for Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: Having been scheduled for 10:00 AM on August 25, 2015 Chairman Wood opened the hearing on the **Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three, Fire District Number Four, Sewer District Number One, Sewer District Number Two, Sewer District Number Three, Sewer District Number Four, Sewer District Number Five and the Southridge Paving District** of Crawford County FY 2016 budgets.

On motion (15-243) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to **open the public hearing on the Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three, Fire District Number Four, Sewer District Number One, Sewer District Number Two, Sewer District Number Three, Sewer District Number Four, Sewer District Number Five and the Southridge Paving District** of Crawford County FY 2016 budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The following appeared in favor of the budgets: None

The following appeared in opposition to the budgets: None

The following appeared to receive answers to questions about the budgets: None

On motion (15-244) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to **close the public hearing on the Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three, Fire District Number Four, Sewer District Number One, Sewer District Number Two, Sewer District Number Three, Sewer District Number Four, Sewer District Number Five and the Southridge Paving District** of Crawford County FY 2016 budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed **Fire District Number One** FY 2016 budget:

On motion (15-245) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2015-028, A Resolution Expressing The Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2016 Annual Budget for **Crawford County Fire District Number Two**, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-028

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 2 with respect to financing the annual budget for 2016.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2016 budget of Crawford County Fire District Number 2 exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2015 budget of Crawford County Fire District Number 2, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2014, 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 protect the citizens of the county; and

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

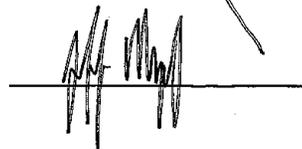
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 2 that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2016 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2015, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

Adopted this 25th day of August, 2015 by the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 2, Crawford County, Kansas.

Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 2

 Chairman

 Member

 Member

The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed **Fire District Number Three** FY 2016 budget: Mr. Pyle distributed copies of Resolution #2015-029 to allow Fire District Number Three to increase its spending authority.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-029

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 3 with respect to financing the annual budget for 2016.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2016 budget of Crawford County Fire District Number 3 exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2015 budget of Crawford County Fire District Number 3, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2014, 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 3 provides essential services to protect the citizens of the county; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 3 that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2016 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2015, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

Adopted this 25th day of August, 2015 by the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 3, Crawford County, Kansas.

Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 3

 Chairman

 Member

 Member

On motion (15-246) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2015-029, A Resolution Expressing The Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2015 Annual Budget for **Crawford County Fire District Number Three**, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The members of the Board entered into the following discussion of the proposed **Fire District Number Four** FY 2016 budget: Mr. Pyle distributed copies of Resolution #2015-030 to allow Fire District Number Four to increase its spending authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-030

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 4 with respect to financing the annual budget for 2016.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2016 budget of Crawford County Fire District Number 4 exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2015 budget of Crawford County Fire District Number 4, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2014, 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 protect the citizens of the county; and

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

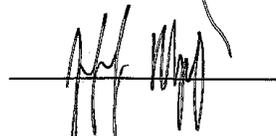
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 4 that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2016 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2015, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved.

Adopted this 25th day of August, 2015 by the Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 4, Crawford County, Kansas.

Board of Crawford County Fire District Number 4

 Chairman

 Member

 Member

On motion (15-247) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2015-030, A Resolution Expressing The Property Taxation Policy of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2016 Annual Budget for **Crawford County Fire District Number Four**, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

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On motion (15-248) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adopt the FY 2016 **Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three, Fire District Number Four, Sewer District Number One, Sewer District Number Two, Sewer District Number Three, Sewer District Number Four, Sewer District Number Five and the Southridge Paving District** budgets as published.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters involving non-elected personnel at the end of the regular meeting.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship at the end of the regular meeting.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy regarding an email that has been sent to other city officials and city staff in the county in regards to the development of a countywide economic development director. Mr. Murphy stated that he has received some responses and that he hopes to receive more responses and he will continue to pursue that initiative. It was thought that this could be discussed at the next countywide city and county officials meeting that will be held in Mulberry this fall.

Item Three: Commissioner Murphy stated that he had discussed the striping machine and the cost of materials for striping with Mike Peak of the Road & Bridge Dept. The Commissioners asked that Commissioner Murphy invite Mr. Peak to come to the commission meeting on Friday to discuss the striping issue.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood regarding a discussion with the representative from a company that sells the ditching machine that was recently demonstrated and that he would like to demonstrate the equipment again after they have made some modifications. Mr. Wood stated that he would schedule that again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss Personnel Issues involving Non-Elected Personnel.

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On motion (15-249) 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 30 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director B. J. Harris, Pittsburg Economic Development Director Blake Benson and Lawana Esch, Chairman of the Board of the Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

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 10:36 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss Personnel Issues involving Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (15-250) 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 20 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners 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 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 28, 2015 – Cameron Lawrence from Joplin Freightliner discussing trucks.

Item Two: August 28, 2015 – 8:30 AM – Work Session for the signing of the August 2015 bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Three: September 1, 2015 – 9:00 AM Work Session regarding personnel policy revisions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Item One: August 25, 2015 – 6:30 PM meeting at the Crawford County Museum to organize a steering committee for this organization.

Item Two: August 28, 2015 – Demonstration of a sprinter ambulance by Osage Ambulance after Commission Meeting on the square.

Item Three: September 1, 2015 – 11:30 AM Meeting at the old landfill with representatives from Deffenbaugh, Triad, KDHE, the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

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 [August 25, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:20 **AM** and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

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 8/25/15 at 11:20 AM, Amended by DPP at 8:25 AM/amended BKW 08/27/2015 7:32 AM