

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2015, **NINETY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, December 18, 2015**, **Immediately Following the Work Session**

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 (15-376)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 15, 2015** 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 15	365	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 11, 2015 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 561733 to 561967 dated December 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$214,367.85
Motion 15	366	To approve the agreement with the Kansas Health Foundation and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 15	367	To approve the bid for a Sprinter Ambulance from Osage Ambulance in the amount of \$78,900 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 15	368	To adopt Resolution #2015-033, a Resolution appointing Eldon Bedene as Emergency Management Director and Pam Sanders as Assistant Emergency Management Director for Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 15	369	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application APPLICANT: Larry Zerngast “Chicken Mary’s” 1133 E 600th Ave, Pittsburg KS 66762 (For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: Anthony Pichler “Pichler’s Chicken Annie’s” 1271 S 220th St, Pittsburg KS 66762 Licenses (For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises) (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 15	370	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of personal property owned by John P Westhoff and to request an abatement in the amount of \$34.38 to the 2014 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 15	371	To approve an agreement between Capitol Strategies and Crawford County for \$10,000 for monitoring and reporting services in connection with the 2016 Kansas Legislative Session and authorize the Chairman to Sign
Motion 15	372	To approve a contract with Diehl, Banwart and Bolton for a special audit of the Ambulance Dept. in the amount of \$1,200
Motion 15	373	To approve the proposal for 2016 Biennial Bridge Inspection Services from CFS Engineers in the amount of \$19,200
Motion 15	374	To approve the payment for repairs to employees’ vehicles damaged by tree branches in the parking lot
Motion 15	375	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

**Item One:** Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

**On motion (15-377)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, 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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No one from the public wished to make any comments against the closing and vacating of these streets and alleys.

**On motion (15-378)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Mr. Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2015-034, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

**On motion (15-379)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2015-034, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Opening of Rock Bids. County Clerk Don Pyle opened the bids that had been received from Midwest Minerals and Mulberry Limestone and read the bids out loud. It was discussed that the chips bid were from only one quarry for each of the rock vendors. Commissioner Wood stated that the bids would be given to Dennis Meier and Liz Hart for review and they will be brought back to the Commissioners with recommendations. Commissioner Murphy questioned the representatives of the rock vendors about the testing that is done on their rock. It was discussed that both of these vendors have all of the testing done by KDOT in order to meet their specifications and that includes sieve tests to make sure that the rocks are the correct size and they also have samples taken on the rock ledges to make sure that they meet their hardness specifications.

### **CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Bill Cooper District Director from ABATE of Kansas regarding the organization of a bike show at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Mr. Cooper stated that he would like to organize a bike show and that he felt that it would generate some business in the county. It was discussed that there had been some concerns about security when they had tried to organize a bike show about 5 years ago. Mr. Cooper stated that he had already discussed this with the sheriff and the Commissioners wanted him to contact the Crawford County Fair Board and start working through this process. Commissioner Wood asked if the organization would be willing to reimburse the sheriff for the overtime pay that would need to be paid to his officers and the answer was not clear. Commissioner Wood was answered that they wanted to hold this event in May of 2016.

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## MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Dr. Triplett of the SEK Recycling Center Inc. Dr. Triplett discussed the financial statements and the changes in their situation from a year ago. Dr. Triplett stated that last year at this time the Recycling Group had \$11,500 in the bank, \$18,000 in Accounts Receivable and \$20,000 in a money market account. It was discussed that there have been some struggles with staffing over the past year and commodity prices have fallen significantly and that their financial position has decreased by about \$40,000 over the last year. Dr. Triplett discussed that their employees are not paid very well and they have no additional benefits. There was a discussion of the programs that they would like to work on that include curbside recycling and a pay as you throw trash service for residents. Dr. Triplett discussed the history of the recycling center and that the paper waste from the printing businesses in the area are no longer available.

Commissioner Murphy was answered that they are looking at placing a recycling trailer in Girard and at Greenbush on a shared schedule. There was a discussion of the e-waste recycling program and that they have a large amount of CRT's that they have already collected and it will cost approximately \$10,000 to have those units processed by an approved processor. Daron Hall, Pittsburg City Manager, talked about some of the contributions that the city has made to this program including the purchase of much of the land, paying for half of the fence that was built around the center and have paid for part of the large item drop off program. Mr. Hall discussed that the City of Pittsburg does not have funds budgeted for a contribution to the recycling center and he felt that a discussion about the long range plans and projections for the recycling programs needs to take place. There was a discussion of the finances for the recycling center and that taxes would need to be raised in order to give this program more support. Commissioner Wood was answered that the recycling center would need about \$15,000 to continue operations for a few more months. Commissioner Murphy stated that he felt that the county could contribute \$7,500 and ask other organizations and the community to come up with some additional funding to keep their doors open. It was also discussed that by selling the equipment for the pallet rebuilding program they could come up with around \$3,000. There was a discussion of the consequences of shutting the recycling program down. The Commissioners asked for verification of the expenditures.

**On motion (15-380)** of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve a donation of \$7,500 to the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Chris Wiener, Girard City Administrator, regarding the possible need for some assistance from the county in plowing snow on the main city streets. Mr. Wiener stated that due to some recent departures of some public works employees, they do not have enough trained employees at this time to plow all of their streets. It was discussed that the county would need to get their main roads plowed before they could assist the

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city and that he could discuss this with Liz Hart and Randy Chiartano of the County Road & Bridge Dept. Mr. Wiener stated that he would discuss this KDOT as well.

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

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a proposed road vacation in Curranville. Mr. Emerson discussed the location of the streets to be vacated.

**On motion (15-381)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to publish the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets & Alleys in Curranville, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for January 15, 2016 at 10:00AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a needed transfer of funds from the County General Fund into the Risk Management Fund.

**On motion (15-382)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund and to give County Treasurer Joe Grisolano the authority to transfer additional funds from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund if needed.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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

**Item One:** Commissioner Murphy regarding a work session on the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy. It was discussed that it might be good to wait until after the first of the year to have a work session on this and it was decided to discuss this on January 5, 2016, at 9:00 AM.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Murphy regarding the final touches on the plan for the plowing of snow on county roads. Commissioner Wood stated that he would discuss this with Liz Hart of the Road & Bridge Dept. and get the plan finalized.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: December 22, 2015** – Amended 2015 Budget hearing for Crawford County.

**Item Two: December 22, 2015** – Amended 2015 Budget hearings Crawford County Fire District Number 1 and Fire District Number 2.

**Item Three: December 22, 2015** – Organizations discussing distribution of Intellectual Disabilities funding.

**Item Four: January 5, 2016, 9:00 AM** – Work Session to review proposed changes to the Crawford County Personnel Policy.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: December 24, 2015 and December 25, 2015** – The Courthouse will close at noon on December 24 and will be closed all day of December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

### 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 [December 18, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:10 [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.**

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**Don Pyle**

Crawford County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

**Taken by DPP 12/18/15 at 12:10 AM, Amended by DPP 12/21/2015 at 12:55 PM/amended BKW 12/21/2015 2:43 PM**