

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, [NINETY-FOURTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS [Tuesday, December 22, 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 (15-383) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [December 18, 2015](#) minutes of the Board of County 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	376	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 15, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	377	To open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 15	378	To close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 15	379	To adopt Resolution #2015-034, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted unnamed street in Mayers Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 15	380	To approve a donation of \$7,500 to the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center
Motion 15	381	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
Motion 15	382	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on the 2015 Crawford County amended budget.

On motion (15-384) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Crawford County amended budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The hearing was opened and there was no public comment. Commissioner Murphy was answered that the 3 funds being amended had additional cash available at the end of the year and the Employee Benefits funds would be moved into the Risk Management Fund.

On motion (15-385) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on the 2015 Crawford County amended budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (15-386) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2015 Crawford County amended budget as published.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Public Hearing on the 2015 Crawford County Fire District Number One and Crawford County Fire District Number Two amended budgets.

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The hearing was opened and there was no public comment. It was discussed that the fire districts had surplus cash on hand and they wanted to use it to pay down some notes payable.

On motion (15-387) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Crawford County Fire District Number One and Crawford County Fire District Number Two amended budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (15-388) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on the 2015 Crawford County Fire District Number One and Crawford County Fire District Number Two amended budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (15-389) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the 2015 Crawford County Fire District Number One and Crawford County Fire District Number Two amended budgets as published.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Organizations discussing distribution of Intellectual Disabilities funding. Representatives from CLASS Ltd, New Hope, Mosaic and SKIL were present along with Cliff Sperry to discuss the distribution of 2016 Funds for Intellectual Disabilities. Cliff Sperry, the Community Developmental Disability Officer, stated that he had already reviewed the numbers with the local providers of services and they had all agreed with the numbers that he had sent to the Commissioners. There was a discussion of the numbers and that it shows the number of clients for the various types of services that each provider maintains. It was discussed that some individuals will use one provider for their case management services and another provider for their residential or day services and that it is often dictated by the level of service that the client needs. All of the service providers indicated that they agreed with the figures supplied by Mr. Sperry. County Clerk Don Pyle distributed copies of a proposed distribution for these funds for 2016 that he had prepared using the figures supplied by Mr. Sperry and all of the providers agreed

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with the proposal. It was discussed that the amount budgeted for distribution might not be totally met if tax collections are less than budgeted, but they should all get at least 95% of the proposed amount.

On motion (15-390) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the proposed distribution of Intellectual Disabilities Funds for 2016 as presented by the County Clerk.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, presenting 2016 CVB contract with Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Benson discussed the proposed contract and stated that it had been presented to and was already approved by the Board of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Commissioner Moody was answered by Mr. Benson that this contract was very similar to the budget for the last year except that all of the salaries and benefits for CVB Director B.J. Harris had been removed since he is now a Crawford County employee. Commissioner Murphy stated that it made sense for the Pittsburg Chamber and the CVB to work together.

On motion (15-391) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2016 Contract for Services between Crawford County, Kansas, and the Pittsburg Area of Chamber for the operation of the Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. B.J. Harris, Director of the Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau regarding museum funding proposals. Mr. Harris stated that he was presenting proposals to receive funds through the museum funding proposal to be jointly funded by Crawford County and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Commissioner Murphy was answered by Ms. Amanda Minton, Board Member for the Crawford County Historical Society, that they have made good progress in getting the building and grounds ready to open in the spring of 2016. The Commissioners told Ms. Minton that if they need anything done that the county can help with that they just need to contact them. Mr. Jason Russell, Operations Manager of the Miners Hall Museum, discussed the operation of that museum and that they look forward to the Crawford County Museum being in operation so that there will be additional sites of interest to refer visitors to. It was discussed that these facilities should help each other in operation.

On motion (15-392) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the 2016 application from Crawford County Historical Museum for funding from Crawford County and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (15-393) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the 2016 application from Miners Hall Museum for funding from Crawford County and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. B.J. Harris, Director of the Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau regarding the 2015 Budget for the CVB. Mr. Harris discussed how the budget for the CVB is increasing as tourism increases and how the events that will be held in the Plaster Center will impact these numbers. There was some discussion of specific line items on the 2016 Proposed Budget for the CVB. There was a discussion of some of the events that attract visitors to the county and how to support those and to promote new events.

On motion (15-394) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the 2016 proposed budget for the Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presenting five applications for 2016 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses, Chicken Annie's Girard to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises, George C Brown Post 26 to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises, Weeges 1 Stop to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises, Countryside Golf Course to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises and Gebhardt's Chicken Dinners to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises. Mr. Pyle stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and that they had been given 10 days to respond and that no responses had been received.

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On motion (15-395) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

2016 Cereal Malt Beverage License

APPLICANT: C & B Investments, Inc. “Chicken Annie’s Girard”

PREMISES: 498 E 47 Hwy, Girard KS 66743 (**For consumption on the premises**)

APPLICANT: George C Brown Post 26 “Girard American Legion”

PREMISES: 144 E 47 Hwy, Girard KS 66743 (**For consumption on the premises**)

APPLICANT: W. Esposito Enterprises, LLC “Weeges 1 Stop”

PREMISES: 401 N 69 Hwy, Arma KS 66712 (**For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises**)

APPLICANT: Kim Brewer “Countryside Golf Course”

PREMISES: 469 E 520TH Ave, Pittsburg KS 66762 (**For consumption on the premises**)

APPLICANT: Mary Ellen Gebhardt “Gebhardt’s Chicken Dinners”

PREMISES: 124 N 260TH St, Mulberry KS 66756 (**For consumption on the premises**)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy regarding a newsletter that recaps the activity performed by his crew over the past year. Mr. Murphy asked the other Commissioners to look the report over and let him know if they see any changes that need to be made.

Item Three: Commissioner Murphy regarding some classes that he had noticed that he thought would be beneficial to some of the Road & Bridge employees. The other Commissioners wanted to look at the calendar to see if people could get to those.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle had a resolution that had been presented by the Emergency Management Director that needed to have the date corrected. Mr. Pyle stated that the Commissioners had already approved the resolution but they needed to sign the

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newly printed version. Mr. Pyle also had a grant application from the Ambulance Dept. for equipment. The Commissioners wanted County Counselor Jim Emerson to review the grant application and they would discuss it at the next meeting.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy asked about the possibility of using some funds that would have been posted as a payroll accrual to start an operating reserve account. It was discussed that a lot of these funds have been used to transfer from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund. The Commissioners asked Mr. Pyle to show them some figures on this topic after the end of the year.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody asked County Counselor Jim Emerson to do some research on a possible lawsuit in regards to the casino and to have that information for the Commissioners to look at after the end of the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Murphy asked for an executive session to discuss personnel issues that involve non-elected personnel.

On motion (15-396) of Commissioner Murphy 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, CVB Director B.J. Harris, Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Director Blake Benson and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:16 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:26 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy asked for an executive session to discuss personnel issues that involve non-elected personnel.

On motion (15-397) of Commissioner Murphy 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 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: 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 Judicial Center in Pittsburg will be closed on December 24 and 25 and the Motor Vehicle Office in that building will be closed all day on both of those days.

Item Two: 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.

Item Three: December 31, 2015 – The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM for the year end cash audit and the Motor Vehicle Office will be closed all day.

Item Four: January 1, 2016 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the New Year's holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [December 22, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:33 [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

Crawford County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by DPP 12/22/15 at 11:33 AM, Amended by DPP 12/22/15 at 3:25 PM/amended BKW 12/28/2015 3:07 PM