

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, THIRTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, February 20, 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.
Commissioner Jeff Murphy was 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 (15-047) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy
that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the February 13, 2015 minutes of the Board of Commissioners,
and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Table with 3 columns: Motion 15, 46, and That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 10, 2015 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 554967 to 555218 dated February 13, 2015 in the total amount of \$267,181.66

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

Item One: Ms. Betty Allen of Arcadia in regards to closing a road on her father's
property. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he had been working with Ms.
Allen and her father to identify the platted road to be vacated and was working on the

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notice that would be printed in the paper. It was discussed that the road has never been opened and that her father owns all the surrounding property. Mr. Emerson was going to put together the notice for the paper and schedule the hearing.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Greg Hite, Road & Bridge Maintenance Shop Foreman, regarding a couple of older pickups that need transmission work. Mr. Hite wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted to spend the money to repair them since they have in excess of 230,000 miles on them. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to schedule a work session with the Commissioners, the Road & Bridge foremen and Mr. Hite to discuss the pickups that are needed for their department and if they need to upgrade any.

There was also a discussion of the fuel tanks that the county has in pickups and when those are used. Commissioners Wood and Murphy both felt that the county needs to be more accountable for their fuel usage and they would like to see if better methods needs to be developed for tracking their fuel usage.

Item Two: Mr. Randy Chiartano, Road & Bridge Asphalt Foreman, regarding the proposed bid packets for asphalt to be purchased by the county and the City of Pittsburg in 2015. Mr. Chiartano stated that he felt that the bid sheets allowed the bidder to clearly make different bids for the city and county and that it did not tie the county to any amount of asphalt purchases. Mr. Emerson stated that the bid packet was very good and that it could only help the city and county to get better prices. There was also a discussion of how the road crews decide where to apply salt and how much they apply. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to see some sort of guidelines on how these decisions are made. Commissioner Murphy was answered that the county employees have made good progress on building the racks for the spreader boxes. There was also a discussion of the methods used for crack sealing used by KDOT and the City of Pittsburg. Mr. Chiartano was going to make some inquiries about equipment that some of the local cities have for this process and he was going to look at some of the parking areas for county buildings to see if they need some of this work done.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS:

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding the Weather Spotter class that was scheduled for this evening at Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Pyle stated that the people from the National Weather Service in Springfield are predicting that they will get freezing rain this evening and they might not be able to make the return trip to Springfield. They will reschedule this training for a later date.



Situation Report

National Weather Service Springfield, Mo.

Friday, February 20, 2015 6 AM

Winter Weather Advisory Today through Saturday Morning Monitor Forecast Updates Closely Today

Hazard Risk:

- Areas of Freezing Drizzle & Light Freezing Rain Increasing Today
- Some Sleet Possible
- Ice Accumulation from ~0.10" to near 0.25"
- Highest Totals Across South Central Missouri where Amounts could be Locally Higher than 0.25"
- Some Thunder & Locally Heavy Rainfall Possible

Winter Hazard Risk:



Winter Weather Advisory til 9 AM Saturday



weather.gov/Springfield



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Areas & Timing:

- Developing Today
- Increasing in Intensity & Coverage Tonight
- Transition to Rain Across SE KS & far SW MO tonight

Impact:

- Travel Becoming Hazardous Especially this Afternoon into Tonight
- Localized Power Outages Cannot be Ruled Out in the Eastern Ozarks East of a Ft. Wood to Hartville Line.

Monitor:

- For Potential of Greater Ice Accumulations in South Central Missouri

Follow the Winter Briefing Page for updates

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=dss3>

weather.gov/Springfield



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Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a request from Coroner Dr. Adam Paoni to appoint Mr. Daniel Hiben as Deputy Coroner for Labette County. Mr. Emerson stated that since Crawford County is the largest county in the 3 county coroner district which includes Cherokee and Labette counties, the Crawford County Commission would also need to approve the appointment of Mr. Hiben as Deputy Coroner.

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On motion (15-048) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the appointment of Daniel Hiben as Deputy Coroner for Labette County as recommended by Coroner Dr. Adam Paoni.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a Work Session scheduled for the Commissioners with EMS Director Joey Adams for 9:00 AM on Friday, February 27, 2015. The Commissioners felt this would be a good time for the work session.

Item Four: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a discussion with Chet Hiatt of Triad Environmental Services in regards to the SEK Regional Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Emerson stated that the county needs to appoint a replacement for Bob Kmiec to serve as the county representative on the authority. Commissioner Wood suggested that it would be good for Mr. Murphy to be the new representative for Crawford County.

On motion (15-049) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy to appoint Commissioner Jeff Murphy to be the representative for Crawford County on the Southeast Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Jeff Murphy regarding the building behind the Maintenance Garage in Girard that is used for parking some county equipment. Mr. Murphy stated that he feels that the structure is unsafe and should probably be torn down. Mr. Murphy stated that he would like to have Mr. Tom Ragonese prepare some plans for the demolition and replacement of this building. Commissioner Wood stated that he would also like to have a small 2 bay shop building erected at the Freeto Location.

Item Six: Commissioner Jeff Murphy regarding a nepotism and hiring policy. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to see some sort of policy developed in this area. Commissioner Wood also thought that this would be good as he felt it could help the county to avoid any problems in this area in the future. County Counselor Emerson could help to draft something in this area.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding the Miscellaneous Department in the General Fund. Mr. Pyle stated that he would review those expenditures in more detail and provide the Commissioners with some more information in the next week or so.

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Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson wanted the Commissioners to know that representatives from Class LTD, Mosaic and New Hope would all be at the next commission meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requesting an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues that involve non-elected personnel.

On motion (15-050) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:13 [AM](#) and reconvened the Open Session at 11:42 [AM](#) with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: Tuesday, February 24 – Representatives from Class LTD, Mosaic and New Hope will discuss their client services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: Friday, February 27, 2015, 9:00 AM – Work Session with Joey Adams, Crawford County EMS Director.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [February 20, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at [11:43 AM](#) and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

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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 2/20/15 at 11:43 AM, Amended by DPP 2/23/15 at 12:22 PM/amended BKW 02/23/2015 3:21 PM