

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2015, **FIFTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, February 27, 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 was seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (15-055)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 24, 2015** minutes of the Board of 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	51	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 20, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	52	To approve the Publication of the Notice of Intent To Vacate a Portion of the Road Located in the 1200 West Block of 660 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Motion 15	53	To approve the Publication of the Notice of Intent To Vacate Platted Streets and Alleys in Jewell Center
Motion 15	54	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, County Clerk Don Pyle, Fiscal Office Director Larissa Bowman and County Counselor Jim Emerson

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### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Mr. Dale Coomes from Girard Area Community Foundation and Ms. Cathy White from Community Foundation of SEK addressing “Keep 5 in Kansas”. Ms. Cathy White, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas, introduced the program that they are promoting which is called Keep 5 in Kansas. Ms. White stated that this program is designed to encourage local residents to plan to keep 5% of their estates in Kansas by donations to Community Foundations. Ms. White stated that it is estimated that nearly \$79 billion of wealth will flow out of Kansas by 2020 due to a transfer of wealth as estates change hands from one generation to the next. Ms. White stated that by donating 5% of their estates to a local community foundation, these people can help to assure that the programs and organizations that are important to them will continue to receive donations from them even after their death.

Ms. White explained that the Community Foundation of SEK is based in Crawford, Cherokee, Labette and Bourbon counties and that they currently they have assets that total nearly \$15 million. She also stated that they are an affiliate of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation which gives them access to legal, accounting and investment advice at a much lower cost. Ms. White stated that the IRS rules in regards to community foundations are very stringent and that they must make sure that they follow the tax laws precisely. Ms. White also discussed how individuals can make contributions to their local community foundations and that they can be very specific about the use of those funds or they can just specify that the funds be used for worthy local projects.

Mr. Dale Coomes, President of the Board for the Girard Area Community Foundation, regarding their organization and their affiliation with the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas. Mr. Coomes stated that their organization is very involved with the Keep 5 in Kansas and that they feel that this initiative can help to keep some wealth from leaving the state and redirect those funds into community foundations. Mr. Coomes stated that even though they are only 5 years old, they awarded nearly \$11,000 in grants last year and they have nearly \$600,000 in their endowment. Mr. Coomes explained that they do not use the principal of their endowment and that they usually have 5% of the endowment amount available to be awarded. The Commissioners thanked Ms. White and Mr. Coomes for explaining this program to them and Ms. White and Mr. Coomes thanked the Commissioners for their time.

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## A gift for the future

After nearly 40 years of teaching, Bernadine Sitts was a legend at Garden City High School. With no children of her own, the generations of kids she taught were her family.

Upon retiring, Sitts was honored when the community named the new middle school after her. Wishing to return the gesture, she reached out to her local community foundation. They helped her establish a scholarship fund for high school graduates who had attended the Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center. Later, Sitts established a second fund to take care of the needs of "her school" into the future.

Though Sitts passed away in 2011, her legacy lives on. Kirk Olomon, Sitts' financial advisor, knows how important it was to her to support her students.

"She called me and said, 'Kirk, I want to do something for my kids.' She knew what it was like to pay for college without the help of scholarships. The people that had helped her were long gone, but she felt that helping others would be a way to honor their generosity."



**Together, we can create a bright future for our state and the people who call Kansas home.**

Whether you're a potential donor, a professional advisor, a local nonprofit director, or someone who's simply concerned about the future of Kansas, connecting with your local community foundation is the first step toward a better tomorrow for your community — and our state!

Visit [keepfiveinkansas.com](http://keepfiveinkansas.com) to learn more.

**girard area**  
community foundation

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A little planning. A big impact.



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## Think about what matters to you

The church where you worship. The schools your children attend. The park where your grandchildren love to play. A local charity you care deeply about.

How can you ensure that the things that make your community unique continue, long after you're gone?

Right now, we have an opportunity to create a better future for all Kansans. By keeping just 5% of our wealth in our state through local community foundations, we can improve our quality of life, and strengthen the places we call home.

### What is a community foundation?

Community foundations are tax-exempt, non-profit, autonomous, nonsectarian philanthropic institutions. Their long-term goal is to serve local communities by building permanent funds, supported by many donors. There are more than 70 community foundations across the state of Kansas.



## Discover the potential

Our state is experiencing an unprecedented transfer of wealth, as estates change hands from one generation to the next. By 2020, the transfer of wealth in Kansas is estimated to be \$79 billion, and will increase to \$598 billion by 2064!

Many people allocate their entire estate to their children, but as more people leave the communities where they were raised, much of this inherited wealth will leave Kansas. It's increasingly important for Kansans to reinvest resources back into the places where they earned their living and enjoyed a good life.

If we **Keep 5 in Kansas** by capturing just 5% of this wealth transfer, up to \$4 billion could go back into our towns and cities by 2020. For each county, that's millions of dollars that could be invested to provide sustainable funding for the causes that truly make a difference. Just imagine the possibilities for your community!

## Create a lasting legacy

By establishing funds through your local community foundation, you can provide permanent support to organizations and projects in your hometown.

Foundations pool and leverage resources, enabling your gift to make a greater impact than it could on its own. They also accept a variety of financial assets — from commodities and IRAs to insurance plans and securities — allowing you to give in ways that are convenient for you.

Your local community foundation will get to know you and your philanthropic goals, and help you identify the best solutions to ensure that your charitable dreams live on forever.

And it just takes a small percent — even as little as 5% of your estate — to make a big impact! If you **Keep 5 in Kansas**, you will create a legacy that will benefit generations to come.



## MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS:

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle regarding an email for Public Input Meetings for Setting Regional Water Supply Goals. Mr. Pyle wanted to make sure that the Commissioners had the schedule of meetings.

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**Don Pyle**

**From:** KWO-MAILER [KWO-MAILER@kwo.ks.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 12:54 PM  
**Subject:** Public Input Meetings for Setting Regional Water Supply Goals  
**Attachments:** RLS\_PublicMeetings\_RegionalPlanningTeams\_021815.pdf

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Jackie McClaskey, Secretary

For Immediate Release:  
February 20, 2015

Contact: Katie Patterson-Ingels  
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## **Public Input Meetings for Setting Regional Water Supply Goals** *Kansas Water Regional Goal Leadership Teams to hear water supply priorities*

Recently the 14 Regional Goal Leadership Teams met to begin the water supply goal setting process to help develop water supply goals for each region. The role of each team is to participate in a public scoping process in their region, develop and draft water supply goals for their region based on public input and available resource condition information. Beginning in March, the 14 teams will be holding public meetings in their region to hear input from stakeholders and citizens that will assist each team with drafting the goals for the future water supply needs in each region. Recommended water supply goals should seek to implement the following Vision statement:

*Kansans act on a shared commitment to have the water resources necessary to support the state's social, economic and natural resource needs for current and future generations.*

The public will be asked to share their input on specific topics that are water supply issues for their region. Trained facilitators from Kansas State University Research and Extension as well as the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy will be helping with the goal development and facilitate the public meetings. Region stakeholders and citizens are encouraged to attend one of the input sessions.

### **Monday, March 2**

- Marais des Cygnes  
Fort Scott, KS – 7 p.m., Buck Run Community Center, 735 Scott Avenue

### **Tuesday, March 3**

- Equus-Walnut  
Winfield, KS – 7 p.m., Southwestern College Campus, Wroten Hall, 100 College Street
- Marais des Cygnes  
Paola, KS – 7 p.m., Paola Fire Department Training Room 200 E. Wea Street
- Smoky Hill-Saline  
Wakeeney, KS – 1p.m., Western Electric Building, 635 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Salina, KS – 7 p.m., Salina Public Library, Prescott room, 301 West Elm Street

### **Wednesday, March 4**

- Upper Smoky Hill  
Scott City, KS – 1p.m., William Carpenter 4-H Building, 608 Fairground Road, SE Room  
Tribune, KS 6 p.m. (MT), Greeley County 4-H Building, 905 Ingalls

### **Thursday, March 5**

- Marais des Cygnes

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Ottawa, KS – 7 p.m., Neosho County Community College, Ottawa Campus 900 E. Logan Street

**Monday, March 9**

- Equus-Walnut  
Hutchinson, KS – 7 p.m., Justice Theater, Shears Technology Center, Hutchinson Community College, Plum & 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Kansas  
DeSoto, KS – 7 p.m., DeSoto Senior Center, 332905 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Neosho  
Erie, KS – 7 p.m., Neosho County Courthouse, 100 S. Main Street

**Tuesday, March 10**

- Great Bend Prairie  
Larned, KS – 7 p.m., J A Haas Building, 400 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- Upper Republican  
Goodland, KS – 9 a.m., Fire EMS Building, 1004 Center Avenue  
Colby, KS – 7 p.m., Community Building, 285 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- Verdigris  
Independence, KS – 3 p.m., Memorial Hall, 410 N. Penn Avenue

**Wednesday, March 11**

- Kansas  
Manhattan, KS – 7p.m., Fire Department Headquarters, 2000 Denison Avenue
- Neosho  
Emporia, KS – 7 p.m., Flint Hill Technical College, Main Building, Conference Room, 3301 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Thursday, March 12**

- Missouri  
Leavenworth, KS – 2 p.m., Heritage Center, 109 Delaware  
Hiawatha, KS – 7 p.m., Hiawatha Middle School, 307 South Morrill Avenue
- Upper Arkansas  
Garden City, KS – 6 p.m., Finney County Fairgrounds, 209 Lake Avenue

**Tuesday, March 24**

- Equus-Walnut  
Wichita, KS – 7 p.m., City Council Chambers, 455 N. Main

**Thursday, March 26**

- Solomon-Republican  
Phillipsburg, KS – 7 p.m., 4-H Building, 1481 Hwy 183

**Monday, March 30**

- Red Hills  
Medicine Lodge – 7 p.m., Jr./Sr. High School Gym, 400 W El Dorado Ave

**Tuesday, March 31**

- Equus-Walnut  
El Dorado, KS – 7 p.m., Civic Center, 201 E. Central
- Solomon-Republican  
Beloit, KS – 7 p.m., Beloit Technical College, Conference Room, 3033 US Hwy 24

*(Dates for the Cimarron Regional public meetings are TBD. Check the Kansas Water Office website for updates)*

The teams will present the proposed draft regional water supply goals to the Kansas Water Authority in May 2015. The KWA will provide advice towards further development of the regional goals with final goals to be approved by the Authority in August 2015.

For more information on the upcoming public meetings to be held in March, water supply information about each region or read the final version of the Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas, visit [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org).

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*Please feel free to reply to this email address or call 785-296-3185 if you have any questions or concerns.*

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Thank you,

Kansas Water Office Staff

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**Item Two:** Commissioner Murphy regarding a meeting with representatives from the museums in Crawford County that he attended on February 26. Mr. Murphy stated that he met with Mr. B.J. Harris and representatives from all three museums. Mr. Murphy felt that the meeting was productive and that they had discussed the missions for all of the museums and that they were going to meet again to discuss how best to address the issues facing these museums.

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood regarding the bid package that is being worked on with the City of Pittsburg for asphalt purchases in 2015. Mr. Wood stated that County Counselor Jim Emerson had let him know that they were moving forward with mailing out bid packets to local asphalt producers.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: Friday, February 27, 2015, At the End of the Regular Session** – Work Session with Liz Hart, Road & Bridge Office Manager on Bridge Work for 2015.

**Item Two: Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 9:00 AM** – Work Session with Joey Adams, Crawford County EMS Director.

**Item Three: Tuesday, March 3, 2015** – Dan Peak, Crawford County Sherriff addressing AAA Traffic Safety Award.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 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 27, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:47 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:**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**  
**[Taken by DPP 2/27/15 at 10:47 AM, Amended by DPP on 2/27/15 at 1:12 PM](#)**