

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, **FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, January 16, 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 Tom Moody 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 (15-024) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 12, 2015** minutes of the Board of Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers **554304 to 554541 dated January 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$761,332.45**, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 15	16	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 9, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	17	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Carl Wood to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 15	18	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 15	19	To name the First National Bank of Girard, Exchange State Bank of Girard and Girard National Bank as the official working banks for the

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		business of the taxpayers of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 15	20	To name the <i>Pittsburg Morning Sun</i> as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 15	21	To appoint Bob Kmiec as the Representative for Crawford County to the Southeast Kansas Resource Conservation and Development Board for 2015
Motion 15	22	To approve a Crawford County Credit Card from Girard National Bank for Commissioner Jeffrey W. Murphy with a Credit Limit of \$2,500
Motion 15	23	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 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

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

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 mentioned that he had been informed that the National Weather Service will conduct Weather Spotter Training from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on February 20, 2015, at Lincoln Center in Pittsburg, Kansas. The Commissioners asked Mr. Eldon Bedene, County Emergency Management Director, if there would be any different information than was presented in the previous year. Mr. Bedene was unsure of the information that would be presented by the National Weather Service. Mr. Bedene discussed that some information would be coming out soon that would discuss the monitoring of the movement of livestock.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding County Government Day in Topeka on February 4, 2015. Mr. Emerson stated that he will not be able to attend but that the program will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka and that he hoped that some of the other county officials would be able to attend.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody regarding the possible hiring of a lobbyist for the county in the gaming area. The Commissioners discussed a proposal from Bill Brady of Capitol Strategies that has been received. County Counselor Jim Emerson was asked to set up a conference call with Mr. Brady to discuss the terms of a contract between his firm and Crawford County. The Commissioners asked to set up a conference call for a work session that would be held at 8:30 or 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 20. The Commissioners felt that this would be a critical year for Crawford County in the areas of gaming, school finance, transportation financing as well as other areas that could affect

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the county in many ways. It was discussed how important it would be for this lobbyist to provide regular updates to the commissioners on legislative concerns.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding the Tax Sale that was conducted on January 13, 2015, in the District Courtroom. Mr. Emerson thought that the sale had gone very well but the county did end up with a couple of properties that had no bidders. Commissioner Wood also thought that the sale had gone very well and he wondered if Tom Ragonese should look at the property that had no bidders and he also commented that it would be good to let our insurance agent know that we may need coverage for that property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 20, 2015, 8:30 AM – Work Session via Conference Call with Bill Brady of Capitol Strategies in regards to a lobbying contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 19, 2015 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday.

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 [January 16, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at [10:28 AM](#) and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

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 1/16/15 at 10:28 AM, Amended by DPP 1/16/15 at 5:05 PM/amended BKW 01/19/2015 10:18:01 AM