

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2014, [FIFTY-FIRST MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS [Tuesday, July 22, 2014, 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 Bob Kmiec served as the presiding officer.
Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.
County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.
Chairman Kmiec led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (14-181) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [July 18, 2014](#) minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Kmiec 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 14	178	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 15, 2014 minutes
Motion 14	179	To approve the City of Girard's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 14	180	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss matters involving Attorney-Client Privilege and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Loren VanDorn & Mr. Dennis Dohle addressing intersection of 680th and 240th. Mr. VanDorn asked that the Commissioners address the way that traffic is routed through this intersection. Mr. VanDorn stated that the traffic is very dangerous and there is a lot of dust from the truck traffic. Commissioner Moody stated that he had been at this intersection and he asked Mr. Emerson to talk with the Landfill Office to see if some

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dust control could be applied to this road. The Commissioners all felt that steps should be taken to get some of the heavy truck traffic off of this road.

Item Two: Mr. Ray Hamblin of Franklin Community Council regarding the possible donation of their storm siren to the county so that the county could assume responsibility for the maintenance of this storm siren. The Commissioners stated that they would discuss this with Emergency Management Director Eldon Bedene.

Mr. Hamblin also wanted to discuss some zoning issues that he feels that are not being addressed. Mr. Hamblin also felt that the streets in Franklin are being neglected and that the county needs to do some work on them. Commissioner Moody stated that he would have his crew do some patching on those roads.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. B.J. Harris, Director of the Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Mr. Harris stated that this year is shaping up to be the biggest year to date for tourism in the county. Mr. Harris discussed that with the Baja, the U.S. Open, the Shrine Bowl and the upcoming Kansas State American Legion Baseball Championship. Commissioner Moody stated he had some questions regarding the contract for services with the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce. There was a discussion of the services provided by the chamber and the value of having those organizations housed together. There was also a discussion of the increase in the budget for the CVB due to the addition of a staff member and the funds earmarked for the PSU Indoor Event Center. Mr. Blake Benson, Director of the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce also spoke about the advantages of these offices housed together and the efficiency it creates. There was a discussion of the system that the CVB has developed for groups to apply for funds.

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2014 CVB Budget Proposal

Acct	Budget Category	2014 Proposed Budget
724	Board & Misc Expenses	\$2,000.00
725	Event Partnerships (Formerly Sponsorships/Bid Fees)	\$50,000.00
726	CVB Grant Program	\$10,000.00
732	Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,000.00
734	Hospitality	\$10,000.00
736	Advertising, Marketing, Promotions	\$70,000.00
736.1	Marketing Travel	\$8,000.00
736.2	Promotional Items	\$7,000.00
736.3	Advertising (All Mediums)	\$40,000.00
736.4	Marketing Resources	\$11,000.00
736.5	Publications	\$4,000.00
746	Special Mailings	\$1,000.00
760	Administrative Contract	\$106,000.00
737	Website	\$4,000.00
761	Flex	\$2,000.00
762	Pitt State Event Facility Agreement	\$60,000.00
768	Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,000.00
###	Technology Equipment	\$4,000.00
###	PHS Tennis Complex	\$25,000.00

2014 CVB Proposed Budget

\$348,000.00

2014 TGT Projection

\$360,000.00

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2014 CVB Budget Proposal

Acct	Budget Category	2013 Budget	2014 Proposed Budget	% of Budget	% Change
724	Board & Misc Expenses	\$1,000	\$2,000	0.57%	100.00%
725	Event Partnerships (Sponsorships & Bid Fees)	\$17,000 + \$16,000	\$50,000	14.50%	34.00%
726	CVB Grant Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	2.89%	0.00%
732	Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.57%	0.00%
734	Hospitality	\$6,000	\$10,000	2.89%	40.00%
736	Advertising, Marketing, Promotions				
736.1	Marketing Travel	\$8,000	\$8,000	2.31%	0.00%
736.2	Promotional Items	\$7,000	\$7,000	2.02%	0.00%
736.3	Advertising (All Mediums)	\$40,000	\$40,000	11.59%	0.00%
736.4	Marketing Resources	\$11,000	\$11,000	3.18%	0.00%
736.5	Publications	\$15,000	\$4,000	1.15%	-73.33%
746	Special Mailings	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.28%	0.00%
760	Administrative Contract	\$68,000	\$103,000	29.85%	34.00%
766	Bid Fees				
737	Website	\$3,500	\$4,000	1.15%	12.50%
761	Flex	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.57%	0.00%
762	Pitt State	\$41,500	\$60,000	17.39%	30.83%
768	Vehicle Maintenance		\$2,000	0.57%	Added
###	Technology/Equipment		\$4,000	1.15%	Added
###	Tennis Complex		\$25,000	7.24%	Added
	Total	\$249,000	\$345,000		27.82%

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2013 CVB Expenses			Estimated Year End
	Actual 2013	2013 Budget	Difference
Copies/Supplies	1,625.44	1,750.00	124.56
Postage	202.21	375.00	172.79
Phone/Fax/Cell	1,262.93	1,500.00	237.07
Salaries/Taxes	53,896.41	54,000.00	103.59
Storage Unit	384.00	385.00	1.00
Cafeteria Plan	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Health Insurance	927.60	2,400.00	1,472.40
Life Insurance	94.60	115.00	20.40
Meals/Misc		100.00	100.00
Retirement		1,075.00	1,075.00
Travel/Ed	46.00	500.00	454.00
Office Space	4,800.00	4,800.00	
	64,239.19	68,000.00	3,760.81

Must allow for \$1,075 retirement
 Must allow for \$1,473 additional health insurance

2014 contract will need to include adjustment for BJ and all expenses related to Miranda

Additional office space	2,100.00
Additional salary - Miranda	25,000.00
Additional phone - Miranda	240.00
Additional cafeteria - Miranda	500.00
Additional health - Miranda	2,400.00
Additional retirement - Miranda	750.00
Salary adjustment for CVB Director	4,300.00
Increased payroll taxes	2,700.00
Additional retirement	950.00
	<u>38,940.00</u>
Old	68,000.00
Additional	<u>38,940.00</u>
New	106,940.00

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2014 Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Calendar of Events

- Jan 2 – March 29: Miners Hall Museum 1st Quarter Special Exhibit: "History of Quilting"
- January 17: Baldknobbers Jamboree Show at Memorial Auditorium
- Jan 25 – 26: 8th Annual Albers Marine Fishing and Hunting Show
- Feb 8: Pittsburg Open Wrestling Tournament
- Feb 8: Special Olympics Polar Plunge & 5K at 9:30am at Crimson Villas
- Feb 8: Girard Medical Center Foundation annual Valentine Dinner
- Feb 21: PSU PALS' – Montana Repertory Theatre "The Miracle Worker" at Memorial Auditorium
- March 5: Pittsburg State University's Apple Day Celebration
- March 7: 40th Annual PSU Jazz Festival & Bob Mintzer Big Band at Memorial Auditorium
- March 8: PSU International Students Food & Culture Fair at Memorial Auditorium
- March 13: SEK Symphony Orchestra Virtuosi from the South at Memorial Auditorium
- March 15: PPRD Get Green 5K, Softball, Bocce & Volleyball Tournaments at Lincoln Park
- March 15: Kansas Youth Wrestling District 1 South Sub-District Tournament
- April 1: June 28 Miners Hall Museum Special Exhibit: "Milestones for US Workers"
- April 1: Centennial Celebration – Dedication of Franklin Union Hall
- April 4-6: PCT's "The Grapes of Wrath" at Memorial Auditorium
- April 10: PSU Wind Ensemble Concert at Memorial Auditorium
- April 12: PSU King of the Jungle Step Show at Memorial Auditorium
- April 13: PPRD Hershey Track & Field Meet at PSU
- April 18: Big Brutus Easter Egg Hunt
- April 18: Crawford County Relay for Life
- April 24 – 27: PSU Theatre Presents "Dead Man's Cell Phone"

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April 27: Pittsburg Spring Antique Market

April 27: SEK Symphony Orchestra - American Inspiration at Memorial Auditorium

May 1: PSU Four State Band Festival at Memorial Auditorium

May 9: Pittsburg State University Spring Commencement Ceremonies

May 10: Pittsburg State University Spring Commencement Ceremonies

May 16 -- 17: 1st Annual Cow Creek Bluegrass Festival at Downtown Pittsburg & Lincoln Park

May 22-25: SAE Baja Kansas

May 31: YMCA Dance Recitals at Memorial Auditorium

Jun 2- 8: 2014 US Open Sporting Clays

Jun 7: Miners Day Reunion at Big Brutus

Jun 20-21: 26th annual Southeast Kansas Old Time Gas Engine and Tractor Club Show

July 1 – Sept 27: Miners Hall Museum Special Exhibit: "The Thrill of the Game: Sporting Traditions in Southeast Kansas"

July 2: Crawford State Park Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration

July 3 – 4: Pittsburg Independence Day Celebration

July 3-4: 44th Annual Helper Ruritan Club 4th of July Celebration and Rodeo

July 12: Girard Medical Center Foundation Charity Golf Classic

July 12: 5th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Get Fit Youth TRYathlon

July 18-20: Four State Farm Show

July 26: Kansas Shrine Bowl

July 30 – Aug 2: Crawford County Fair

July 31 – Aug 3: Pittsburg Community Theatre presents "Annie" at Memorial Auditorium

Aug 15-17: 68th Annual Arma V-J Homecoming

Aug 25: 25th Annual Big Brutus Polka Fest

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Aug 27 – 29: Pittsburg Community Theatre presents “Clue” at Memorial Auditorium

Aug 29-31: Little Balkans Days

Aug 30-31: Walnut Homecoming

Sept 12-13: Arcadia’s Old Settlers Days

Sept 13: PSU Football at Carnie Smith Stadium

Sep 20: Pittsburg Idol at Memorial Auditorium

Sep 21: Greenbush Day

Sep 25: SEK Symphony Orchestra Concert at Memorial Auditorium

Sep 26-28: McCune Fall Festival

Sept 27- Oct 26: Hickory Creek Farms Pumpkin Patch Open Saturday and Sundays only

Oct 1 – Dec 28: Miners Hall Museum Special Exhibit: “Italians in Southeast Kansas”

Oct 2: PSU Wind Ensemble Concert at Memorial Auditorium

Oct 4- Oct26: Wood Farm Pumpkin Patch Saturday’s and Sundays only

Oct 5: PSU Football at Carnie Smith Stadium (Homecoming)

Oct 10-11: Southeast Kansas Old Time Gas Engine and Tractor Club Swap Meet

Oct 18: PSU Football at Carnie Smith Stadium

Oct 25: PSU Football at Carnie Smith Stadium

Nov 9: 25th Annual Southeast Kansas Farm Toy Show

Nov 16: SEK Symphony Orchestra Concert at Memorial Auditorium

Dec 1: Christmas Parade

Dec 6: Holiday Craft Fair

Dec 12: Pittsburg State University Winter Commencement Ceremonies

Dec 18-21: Midwest Regional Ballet “The Nightmare Before Christmas” at Memorial Auditorium

Item Two: A presentation of the Crawford County Workforce Coalition regarding the Crawford County Career and Technical Center. Commissioner Carl Wood wanted to thank all of the participants that were in attendance. Mr. Destry Brown, USD 250 Superintendent, stated that this coalition has been working on this for several years and that he is proud to have helped make this possible. Mr. Brown stated that he has been alarmed to discover that only 30% of high school graduates from USD 250 end up with a college degree or skill certification. He feels that the lack of job skills directly contributes

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to the high number of working families that are under the poverty level. Mr. Brown also stated that a grant of \$1million from the Bicknell Foundation has made it possible for them to purchase a building from Vinylplex for this center. Mr. Brown also discussed the proposed makeup of the board that would oversee this facility and the programs it offers.

Ms. Heather Morgan, Executive Director with the Project 17 Initiative, discussed some of the focus of this initiative on job skills for local workers. Mr. Blake Benson stated that there are many local needs for skilled employees. Mr. Benson also discussed that many local businesses have to look outside of this area to fill their needs and that some employers have stated that they might need to relocate their business to fill those needs. Mr. Gary Matson of AZZ Industries stated that their business needs 20 welders and 29 electricians right now. Mr. Matson answered some questions regarding those needs from the Commissioners. Mr. Blaise Bauer, USD 248 Superintendent, and Mr. Rick Simoncic, USD 249 Superintendent, discussed the value of a technical school and the importance of working together on this program so that they can provide more programs for their students. The superintendents stated that there are state funds available to help pay for transportation of these students. The Commissioners were answered that the schools are not sure of the number of students that are willing to participate but that the number will grow in a few years as more students use the classes and talk with each other.

Ms. Brianna Maxwell discussed her experience as a student in the carpentry program and how it helped her secure a position with Crossland Construction. Mr. Spencer Massa is a current student in the welding program and that he has been offered jobs already but he wants to complete the courses for certification. Dr. Bruce Dahlman with the PSU College of Technology discussed that they would move their Automotive Technology and Electricity programs into this facility. Commissioner Kmiec was answered that the grant received by PSU was to prepare instructors. Mr. Adam Lusker, State Representative and owner of Lusker Masonry, discussed that he has been involved with this program for several years and his firm has hired a few of the masonry program graduates in the past. Mr. Lusker discussed that this program will help local business to have access to a well trained pool of workers.

Mr. Brown distributed a proposal to the Commissioners that detailed some of the funding sources and amounts and the proposed uses for those funds. Mr. Brown stated that they are asking for \$125,000 from Crawford County this year and for up to 3 years. Mr. Brown discussed the rent that would be paid to this facility by PSU, FSCC and others and that all tuition would go to those organizations. Mr. Brown stated that now that they have a building they can apply for other grants. Commissioner Kmiec was answered that the schools cannot use their taxing authority to help pay facilities that they do not own or for joint ventures with other schools or entities. There was a discussion of school funding and how the new school funding law allows them to tax for programs. Mr. Brown stated that this level of collaboration by the university, community college, school districts, city, county, businesses and local residents has never happened before and that it is all for the good of local residents and the economy. The Commissioners stated that they have to be good stewards of tax dollars and that the questions that were unanswered last year have been answered this year. The Commissioners decided to take a short break before proceeding with the rest of the agenda.

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Southeast Kansas Career and Technical Center of Crawford County Proposal to County Commission

Funding for Facilities and Construction:

\$1,000,000 -- Bicknell Foundation Grant
\$300,000 -- City of Pittsburg Request – Economic Development
\$1,300,000 – Total

Request from County:

\$125,000 -- Crawford County – to be requested annually as needed
for up to three years.

The money requested from the county will be used for operational costs in Year 1 as expansion and remodeling occurs. During construction and remodeling the money from the county will be used to pay for insurance, utilities, and maintenance expenses. The rent will not begin until we retain ownership of the building. Realistically, we will not receive any rent until second semester.

Possible Funding Sources for Yearly Operational Costs:

\$50,000 -- FSCC Rent – Const. Trades, HVAC, Culinary
\$36,000 -- Rent for John Deere Space
\$20,000 -- PSU - Electrical & Auto
\$106,000 – Yearly Revenue for Upkeep and Maintenance

Beginning in Year 2, we will need to hire a director to oversee the facility and the programming being offered in addition to regular operational expenses. We have spoken to Greenbush to provide this director at a yearly cost.

Possible Additional Sources of Income:

- Grants from a variety of sources. We currently do not qualify for most grants because we do not have a facility and most grants cannot be used for facilities.
- Support from the local business community and private individuals in the form of donations and fundraising.

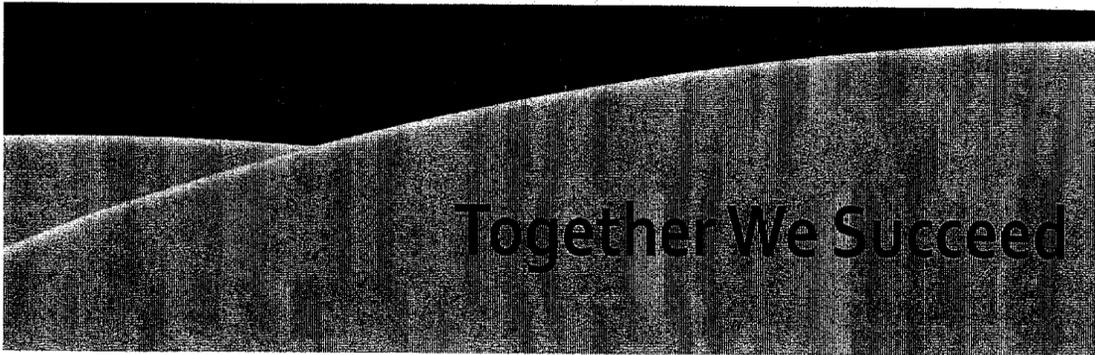
Project 17

Heather Morgan

Executive Director

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Total Jobs in Region

Industry	2013 Jobs
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	537
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1,611
Utilities	1,773
Construction	3,609
Manufacturing	15,639
Wholesale Trade	3,199
Retail Trade	10,491
Transportation and Warehousing	4,747
Information	1,043
Finance and Insurance	2,516
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	582
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,915
Management of Companies and Enterprises	524
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	3,272
Educational Services (Private)	451
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,945
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	416
Accommodation and Food Services	7,323
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,742
Government	24,018
Unclassified Industry	0
Total Jobs (2013)	99,353

PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS:

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a request to vacate a public street in Jewel Center Subdivision in the Arcadia area. Mr. Emerson stated that the adjacent landowners had requested that this street be vacated.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE PLATTED STREETS

Pursuant to K.S.A. §58-2613, notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas proposes to close and vacate the following platted streets, to-wit:

Main Street located west of Lots 31-60, Block Nine (9) and east of Lots 1-30, Block Eight (8) in Jewell Center, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof. And

Williams Avenue, also known as S. Mitchell Street located west of Lots 31-60, Block Eight (8) and east of Lots 1-30, Block Seven (7) in Jewell Center, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

A public hearing regarding said proposed road vacation will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Commission Room, Girard, Kansas. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

If the Board of County Commissioners determines that the above-described platted streets are no longer required, or cannot be prudently be used for public purposes, the land comprising said streets shall revert to the adjoining landowners as originally taken for One Dollar (\$1.00), in the Commission Room at the Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Individuals needing reasonable accommodation to attend said public hearing should contact the County Clerk's office at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing at (620) 724-6115.

This notice shall be published one time in an official County newspaper.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

By: Bob Kmiec, Chairman

ATTEST:

Donald P. Pyle, County Clerk

Published in the Pittsburg Morning Sun on Friday, July 25th, 2014.

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On motion (14-182) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve Publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Public Street with the Hearing to be held on August 19, 2014, at the Crawford County Courthouse.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Kmiec and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood wanted to discuss how the other Commissioners felt about this proposal for the Technical Center. There was a discussion of the funding and that it would be just over a half mill in the budget and that this center will go forward. Mr. Emerson stated that county funds would help to get the building in place and maintained and that continued funding from the county should not be needed.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody wanted to discuss the intersection of 680th and 240th that was discussed earlier in the meeting. The Commissioners discussed some work and signs that would help to make this intersection safer.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 29, 2014 – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting Fiscal Year 2015 Carry Over Reimbursement Budget, Fiscal Year 2015 Revised Grant Funds Budget and Fiscal Year 2015 Behavioral Health Grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [July 22, 2014](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:11 [AM](#) and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Kmiec 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



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
Taken by DPP 7/22/2014 at 12:11 PM, Amended by DPP 7/23/2014 at 3:58 PM/amended BKW 07/24/2014 2:56 PM