

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, June 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. Commissioners Jeff Murphy and Tom Moody 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 (15-179) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the June 12, 2015 minutes of the Board of Commissioners.
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 557688 to 557921 dated June 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$306,836.47.

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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description of motion. Row 1: Motion 15, 176, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 9, 2015 minutes. Row 2: Motion 15, 177, To approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Projects Request For Construction Project Forms for the High Risk Rural Roads Grant Application. Row 3: Motion 15, 178, To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Items that could Be Deemed Privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jeanette Fisher regarding the intersection on 650th Street 1 mile east of Highway 69. Ms. Fisher gave the Commissioners a letter she had written in regards to the safety of the intersection at 650th and 230th streets which is about ¼ mile from her home. Commissioner Moody stated that traffic traveling east on 650th has very little room to stop just after coming over a hill before this intersection. There was a discussion of the danger at this intersection and that many vehicles do not stop at the intersection. The Commissioners discussed contacting the Sheriff so that he can conduct a traffic study and come up with some recommendations that could include lowering the speed limit on the roads in this area. Mr. Moody stated that applying calcium chloride to these roads could reduce the amount of dust in this area that also decreases the visibility of traffic. It was discussed that this road is built on nearly solid rock ledges that come through the ground. Ms. Fisher hoped that the Commissioners could take some steps to reduce the number of wrecks that happen around this intersection. There was also a discussion of some changes to the road signs in this area that could help to alert drivers to the danger of this intersection.

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TO ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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650th & 230th

Good Morning

I read with interest in the Morning Sun 6-6-15
"Grant Approved for County Roads." If I didn't know better
I would assume all County roads are paved.

What is the "Road Safety Program"? The paper states
"The Safety Program is an evaluation of all "Paved Roads"
in the County per Mr. Coomes.

I do not know the ratio between paved and all the
chat, mostly rock roads in the county but guessing
there are a lot more rock roads than paved.

When, Who, and Where, does safety come to play in
these county rock roads?

I live on E 650th Ave., three quarters of a mile east
of Weeger's Sta corner of 69 highway and E 650th. From
our driveway east and within 1/2 of a mile there has
been 7 accidents on our property in the last few years
that I can remember.

1. A lady ran off the road through the ditch into our
alfalfa field.
2. Another car (Hot Rod Lincoln) took over 500 feet of
fence and steel post, landed upside down between our
grain bin and barn. We wasn't notified, happen to
see all the red lights around 2⁰⁰pm. Went down there,
they had already cut our locks off of the gate.
3. Around 2007 came home about 10⁰⁰pm saw dim lights in
our pasture. I went down to see what they were and
found a car upside down in pasture, fence torn up.
A young lady in tree dead. (Hard to get over)
4. Another accident lost control hit tree, lady was
killed and a gentleman taken to hospital with

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severe injuries

5. About 2 years ago in front of our driveway a man was hit by a truck as he was trying to get his car out of the ditch. Taken to hospital with broken leg and other injuries.
6. About 3 months ago a vehicle ran through our fence. Post and fence down, cattle in pasture. Someone had to come and pull him out, but we were not notified. Happen to see fence down as we came home that evening.
7. On 5-28-15 received phone call from sheriff dept. 2:36 AM that there was an accident east of our driveway. Wanted to know if cattle was in pastures. They were. There are 45 mile speed limit signs posted, no trucks, a four way stop signs at top of hill, at least 40% of traffic does not stop. The east, south, and north traffic cannot see what is in the intersection until they are right upon it. Also dust is so thick you cannot see other vehicles.
I feel like the excessive speed, loose gravel and rock is a major concern.
It is never safe coming up the hill to our driveway, which we have to make several times a day.
You just pray when moving farm machinery or a load of hay that no one is coming.
Any help will be greatly appreciated.

NO INSURANCE ON ANY OF
these EXCEPT maybe #7

Thank You
Janette & Don Foster

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

Item One: Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to ask for an executive session to discuss personnel issues involving non-elected personnel at the end of the regular meeting.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle mentioned that he believes that all parties have been contacted in regards to the museum work session on Friday. It was discussed that it would be good to come to some sort of agreement on how future funding for these entities would be obtained and disbursed. It was decided to invite some of the individuals that have expressed an interest in the museum on the Pittsburg bypass to this meeting as well. The Commissioners all seemed pleased that this process was moving forward and it was hoped that a good solution is found.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood regarding the lease purchase on the John Deere tractor and mower through the State of Kansas Lease Purchase Program. Mr. Wood stated that the paperwork is being completed and it was discovered that the equipment was going to cost about \$3,000 less than originally thought.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody regarding the need for another load of calcium chloride to apply to the roads. It was discussed that a list is being compiled of residents that would like to have some of this applied to their road.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood regarding the traffic around the intersection of Rouse and Centennial in Pittsburg. Mr. Wood stated that he has County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Zoning Director Troy Graham working on some truck routes in this area. Mr. Wood stated that there are a couple of projects that will happen in this area and that there will be an increase in heavy truck traffic. Mr. Wood stated that they want to get signs up soon that will help to keep this traffic on the best routes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (15-180) of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 19, 2015, 9:00 AM – Work Session with B.J. Harris, Crawford County CVB Executive Director, regarding the Museum Task Force.

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Item Two: June 23, 2015 – Mr. Mark Lehman & Ms. Diana Hartog, Crawford County Conservation District presenting 2016 budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 16, 2015, immediately following the Commission Meeting – Tour of Radio Towers in Crawford County with Sheriff Dan Peak, Emergency Management Director Eldon Bedene and Zoning Director Troy Graham. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [June 16, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:44 PM 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:

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by DPP 06/16/2015 at 10:44 AM, Amended by DPP 06/16/2015 at 1:29 PM/amended BKW 06/18/2015 2:17 PM