

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, FORTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, June 9, 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. Commissioner Moody had to leave the meeting early.

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 (15-172) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 5, 2015** minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

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:

Motion 15	165	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 2, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	166	To approve the 2016 – 2018 High Risk Rural Roads Project Funding Applications and Authorize the Chairman to Sign
Motion 15	167	To reappoint Kristy McKechnie, Rick Pfeiffer, Lori Fleming, Mendy Hulvey and Jerry Waltrip to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board through June 30, 2018, and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 15	168	To approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor through the State of Kansas Lease Purchase Program

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Motion 15	169	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, County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 15	170	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 15	171	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss matters that could be deemed to privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Commissioner Wood regarding a sealed bid he had received on a Schulte mower deck. County Counselor Jim Emerson opened the bid. The bid was for a Schulte mower at a price of \$20,500. The total for a John Deere mower under the State Lease Purchase program was \$17,285.88. There was a discussion over whether the county should spend the additional money for the Schulte mower. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would rather purchase the Schulte mower. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to try a John Deere mower and that with the savings of over \$3,000 he thought it was a good time to try one of their mowers.

On motion (15-173) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Purchase of a John Deere Mower unit through the State of Kansas Lease Purchase Program.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. B.J. Harris, Executive Director, CVB, addressing museum funding proposal. Mr. Harris discussed a proposal that was assembled by the Museum Task Force that addresses funding issues and proposed requirements for the museums to take part in the county funding. Mr. Harris stated that many of the requirements, including the 2,000 visitors, are the same requirements that the state historical society uses in order for an attraction to receive a brown attraction sign placed on the highway. Mr. Harris stated that these requirements were discussed by the Museum Task Force that has been meeting over the last few months and that they are very reasonable.

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Commissioner Moody was answered that the Task Force did not think that it would be possible to hire a single person to manage all 3 museums. Commissioner Murphy felt that the right person could manage all 3 museums. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of hiring one person to help manage all the museums in the county. It was discussed that with the current closing of the Crawford County Historical Museum, it is important for groups that are interested in trying to run that facility to understand the expectations that the county has in order for them to qualify for some county funding. Commissioner Moody was concerned that there are no funds available to help pay for the operation of these museums without raising property taxes. Commissioner Wood also stated that he thought that one person could help with organizing and directing operations at the 3 museum locations. It was also discussed that the museums need to work to become more self-sustaining. Mr. Harris stated that the Task Force was composed of people that are working to keep these museums open currently and the proposal given to the Commissioners is their plan to keep these museums open. The Commissioners wanted to give Mr. Harris time to discuss some of this with the rest of the Museum Task Force and they decided to have a work session on this subject at 9:00 AM on June 19.

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Crawford County Museum Fund Proposal

The Crawford County Museum Fund is being established to provide a sustainable funding model for museums in Crawford County. Contributions will come from county general funds and funds derived from the counties 6% transient guest tax. The Crawford County Museum Fund is separate from disbursements from the "Historic Fund" or "Elderly Fund." The Crawford County Museum Fund will provide up to \$25,000 annually for no more than three (3) museums as defined below at any given time. Use of funds are at the discretion of each entity, i.e. personnel, construction, renovations, maintenance, operations, etc. so long as they meet the below criteria.

- Must be located in Crawford County, Kansas
- Primary function must be to serve the community as a "museum" - an institution devoted to the procurement, care, study, and display of objects of lasting interest or value; a place where objects are exhibited
- Shall be a registered 501c3 entity within the State of Kansas
- Shall provide Crawford County with complete board roster and contact information
- Shall provide Crawford County with detailed financial statements quarterly
- Shall have a minimum annual attendance of at least 2,000 visitors
- Shall be of significance to tourists and derive a major portion of income or visitors from motorists not residing in the area of the facility during the normal business season.
- Shall provide sufficient staff to allow for a significant experience for the traveling tourist
- Shall be in operation for a continuous twelve (12) months, a minimum of six (6) hours, five (5) days a week of which one day should be a Saturday or Sunday, excluding certain holidays.
- Shall be listed on the www.TravelKS.com website, in the Kansas Travel Guide, and have promotional literature distributed at Kansas Travel Information Centers
- Shall submit an annual attendance report to Crawford County
- Shall submit a letter of support by the local Destination Management Organization (DMO), i.e. Convention & Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, or Economic Development Office annually to receive continued funding
- Shall have the name of the business prominently displayed on the premises in such a manner that it is readily visible to motorists from the public highway on which the facility is located
- Shall provide modern restroom facilities, drinking water and public access to a telephone for emergency purposes
- Shall provide for parking on site or have available parking for 10 vehicles or whatever is suitable for the specific attraction within two (2) blocks of the attraction. Bus parking must also be available
- Shall provide clearly for display any general admission charges at the place of entry to the attraction.
- Shall be licensed and approved by the appropriate state and/or local agencies regulating the particular type of business or activity
- Shall comply with all applicable laws concerning the provision of public accommodations without regard to age, race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or accessibility by the physically handicapped
- Shall agree to abide by all rules, regulations, policies, procedures and criteria associated with the program. If it is determined that the attraction no longer meets the criteria established by the Kansas Division of Tourism, the signs will be removed

Crawford County Museum Fund contribution split:

	Crawford County	Crawford County CVB
Museum #1	\$12,500 (50%)	\$12,500 (50%)
Museum #2	\$18,750 (75%)	\$6,250 (25%)
Museum #3	\$21,250 (85%)	\$3,750 (15%)
Total	\$52,500 (70%)	\$22,500 (30%)

*Entities will no longer be available for Crawford County Museum Fund once their reserve fund has exceeded \$100,000.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Phillip Drescher and Mr. Andrew Hampson, Benefits Consultants with Bukaty Companies, addressing health insurance options for the county. Mr. Drescher stated that he had presented this information at the KAC Conference and Commissioner Wood stated that he had heard their presentation. Mr. Drescher gave the Commissioners information regarding their program for self-funded health insurance groups. Mr.

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Drescher told the Commissioners that some areas are estimating increases of 25% to 50% in the costs of the policies on the health insurance exchanges. He discussed that many of the newly insured individuals were previously insured in high risk pools and the uninsured people had big needs as well. Mr. Drescher stated that their program requires that the groups have a wellness program in place and that claims will not improve if the group members are not willing to try to improve their health. Mr. Drescher explained how the wellness program works and the possible additional premiums that the employee would have to pay if they do not participate in the program.

Mr. Drescher discussed that his firm would represent the county in obtaining a Third Party Administrator that administer the insurance plan for the county using a network and discount system from one of several providers. Mr. Drescher also discussed the “captive” system for the stop-loss policy which would allow several counties to insure the stop-loss together which should save all of the counties money. There was a discussion of this program and the Commissioners wanted Mr. Drescher to present this program to the county’s benefits committee. Mr. Drescher also mentioned that his group was hosting a webinar on the upcoming reporting requirements of the Affordable Care Act to help the county make sure that they stay in compliance with this law. The Commissioners asked Mr. Drescher to work with their employees on scheduling another presentation.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Eldon Bedene, Emergency Management Director, regarding their application for reimbursements for expenses due to the severe weather. Mr. Bedene stated that the county had not met the threshold of \$144,000 in order to qualify for funds. Mr. Bedene also discussed the grant funding that could be available for community storm shelters and safe rooms. It was discussed that the Friends of Crawford State Park might be interested in applying for this funding for their proposed storm shelter.

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

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presenting an application for 2015 Cereal Malt Beverage License for George C Brown Post 26 for “Girard American Legion Stand Fairgrounds” to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event during the date beginning at 8:00 AM on July 28, 2015 and ending at 11:00 PM on August 2, 2015. Mr. Pyle stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and that they had been given 10 days to respond and that no responses had been received.

On motion (15-174) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the

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application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

2015 Cereal Malt Beverage License

APPLICANT: George C Brown Post 26 "Girard American Legion Stand Fairgrounds"

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS

DATE: Beginning at 8:00 AM July 28, 2015 and ending at 11:00 PM on August 2, 2015.

(For consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood regarding a tour of the radio tower facilities in the county immediately following the Commission meeting on June 16. Commissioner Wood stated that he had discussed with Sheriff Dan Peak about touring the county's radio tower sites to see if any of them need repairs or need to be upgraded. Mr. Wood stated that all of the Commissioners are welcome to go and they could announce it as a work session. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to go and that he would have to look at his schedule.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle wanted to be sure that the Commissioners remembered that the Kansas Crossing Casino group was holding an informational meeting at 5:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Express

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy regarding a discussion with Troy Graham about updating the county zoning plan. Mr. Murphy stated that Mr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Murphy requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters on non-elected personnel.

On motion (15-175) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood 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 Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Moody

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:02 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:17 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 9, 2015, 5:00 PM – Kansas Crossing Casino Group will hold an informational meeting at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Pittsburg, Kansas. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

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

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

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 [June 9, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:18 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 06/09/2015 at 12:18 PM, Amended by DPP 06/10/2015 at 2:11 PM