

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, March 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.

Commissioner Tom Moody and Jeff Murphy 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 (15-081) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 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	72	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 20, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	73	To close the public hearing on closing and vacating portions of alleys, avenues and streets in Jewell Center, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 15	74	To close the public hearing on closing and vacating a certain road in Walnut Township, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 15	75	To Deny the Conditional Land Use for American Tower, Inc., due to Concerns with Property Values and because this Use does not fit the Character of the Neighborhood
Motion 15	76	To adopt Resolution #2015-009, a Resolution closing and vacating a certain road in Walnut Township, Crawford County, Kansas, to wit: That portion of County Road located between Sections 30 and 31, Township 28 South, Range 22 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian,

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		Crawford County, Kansas described as follows: the West Half and the West Half of the East Half of the road lying between said sections (3/4 of a mile). Located in the 1200 West Block of 660 th Avenue
Motion 15	77	To adopt Resolution #2015-008, a Resolution closing and vacating portions of alleys, avenues and streets in Jewell Center, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 15	78	To approve the Purchase of a Roller for the Road & Bridge Dept. and to give the Chairman the Authority To Negotiate a Final Price up to \$17,500
Motion 15	79	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 5 minutes to discuss items that could be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners, Emergency Management Director Eldon Bedene and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 15	80	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Planning and Zoning Director Judy Freeman and County Counselor Jim Emerson

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Mr. Tom Ragonese, Project Manager, opening of mowing bids. Mr. Ragonese stated that he had published the request for bids in the paper and had only received one bid. Mr. Ragonese opened the bid and noticed that the bidder had only submitted a bid for the courthouse in Girard but did not submit a bid for the Judicial Center in Pittsburg. There was a discussion of whether or not they should ask for a bid on the Judicial Center only or if they would ask that both locations be rebid. It was discussed that this lawn service had been mowing both locations for a couple of years and that he has always been much lower than any other bids. The Commissioners asked Mr. Ragonese to call this lawn service to see what his bid is for the Judicial Center while the Commission meeting is in progress and report back to the Commissioners. Mr. Ragonese contacted the mowing service and they had given them the price that they had forgotten to include for the Judicial Center in Pittsburg.

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S&B LAWCARE
 LEROY SMITH
 915 E 14TH STREET
 PITTSBURG, KS 66762
 620-308-6412 OR CELL -620-687-4622

Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE #
3/11/15	1515

BILL TO
CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE P.O. BOX 249 GIRARD, KANSAS 66743

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	lawn mowing court house			60.00
	LAWN MOWING-WEED BUILDING			5.00
	LAWN MOWING EXT BUILDING			20.00
	<i>20.00</i>			
ALL ACCOUNTS ARE DUE AFTER THE SERVICE IS COMPLETED				
		Subtotal		85.00
		6.8% Tax		
		Total		85.00

20.00

105.00

On motion (15-082) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to Accept the Bid for Lawn Mowing Services for 2015 from S & B Lawn Services.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Item One: Mr. Randy Chiartano, County Paving Supervisor, regarding bids for asphalt that were sent out with the City of Pittsburg. Mr. Chiartano gave the Commissioners a sheet with details of the three different bids received for asphalt mix. Mr. Chiartano was very pleased with the bids received and that the bid from Heckert Construction in Pittsburg was low enough to make them the most economical since the short haul distance would make it much easier to pick up and deliver the asphalt mix. There was a discussion of the cost of hauling the asphalt mix, start-up charges and that with the shorter haul the mix would be in better shape when it is laid. They discussed that all the equipment is being serviced so that they will be ready to lay asphalt as soon as the weather allows. There was also a discussion of the asphalt equipment and how a few employees from each district of the Road & Bridge crew are pulled in to be part of the asphalt crew. The Commissioners were also pleased with the price and location of the asphalt mix since it will allow them to do more paving in 2015.

**The City of Pittsburg and Crawford County, Kansas
2015 Sales Tax Street Program Asphalt Material**

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 -- 2:00 p.m.

Name and Address of Bidder	SMB BIDDING Type: VM Virgin Mix Less Start (RAR)	SMB BIDDING Type: VM Virgin Mix Less Start (RAR)	SMB BIDDING Type: VM Virgin Mix Less Start (RAR)	Driving Distance (Miles) Used	Minimum Storage for Start Up of Weigh	Delivery Charge (Pittsburg Plant)
Blevins Asphalt Construction Co., Inc. P.O. Box 230 Mt. Vernon, Missouri 65712	VM \$52.80	VM \$53.55	VM \$53.55	35 mi.	100 tons	\$11.35/ ton
	Less \$ 5.55	Less \$ 5.20	Less \$ 5.20		\$1,000	
Heckert Construction Co., Inc. FAIRBANKS WAY Pittsburg, Kansas 66762	VM \$51.50	VM \$50.25	VM \$48.30	8 mi.	75 tons	\$2.25/ ton
	Less \$ 1.95	Less \$ 3.34	Less \$ 2.48		\$7,500	
Tri-State Asphalt P.O. Box 199 Quapaw, Oklahoma 74363	VM \$48.95	VM \$48.95	VM \$48.95	32 mi.	10 tons	\$8.50/ ton
	Less N/A	Less N/A	Less N/A		N/A	
	VM	VM	VM			
	Less	Less	Less			

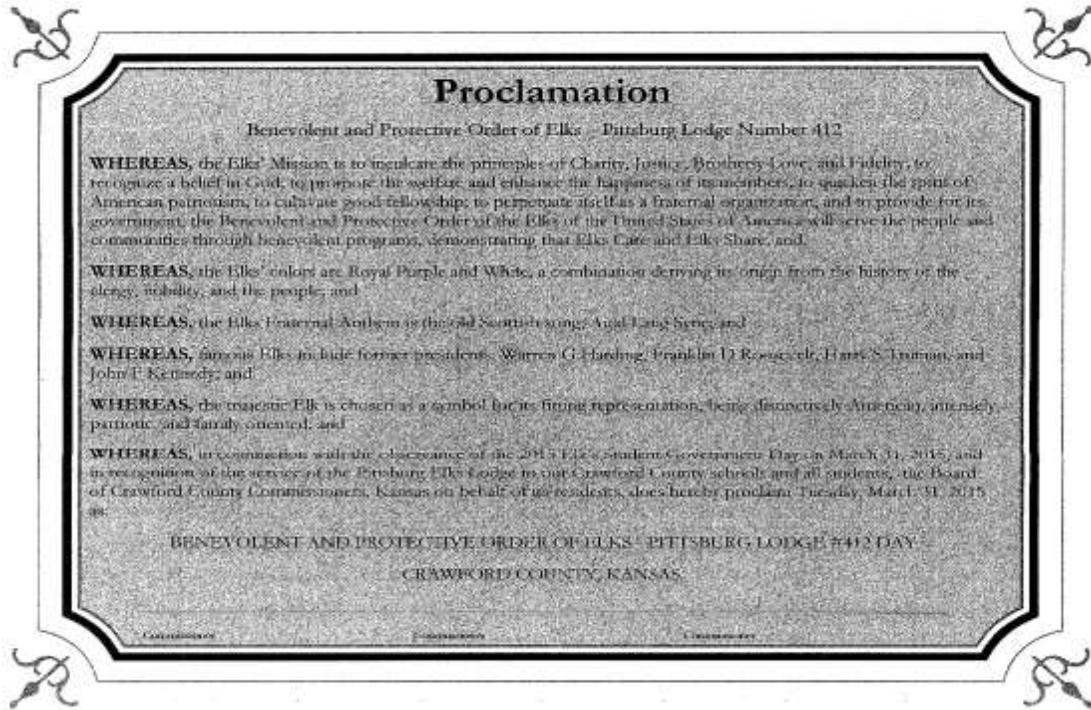
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

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PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Don Pyle, County Clerk, presenting Proclamation for Pittsburg Elk's Lodge #412. Mr. Pyle discussed the program on Student Government Day and that is a good learning experience for the young people so that they know more about how their local government works.



On motion (15-083) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, March 31, 2015 as Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks-Pittsburg Lodge #412 Day in Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding some legislative issues that are under consideration currently in Topeka. Mr. Emerson discussed an amendment to an election bill that would allow election signs to be placed in the road & highway right of ways. It was discussed that this could become a safety issue at intersections. Mr. Emerson also discussed that the bill to allow liquor and strong beer sales at grocery and convenience stores to be approved on a county by county basis. Mr. Emerson also stated that another bill that requires public agencies to disclose expenditures that include money that will be used to pay for lobbying services. There was also a bill that would change the requirements in order to annex property into city limits. There was also a discussion of how long the legislative session could continue and when they take their recess.

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Item Three: Commissioner Jeff Murphy regarding the claims for health insurance expenses that have depleted the Risk Management Fund in the last couple of months. Mr. Murphy wanted some kind of detailed report from Blue Cross and Blue Shield that could help to shed some light on problems with the Risk Management Fund. The Commissioners asked that a Work Session be set up for the next Friday at 9:00 AM to include Christy Mitchell from Blue Cross as well as the Commissioners to discuss this. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he would set this up for the next Friday.

Item Four: Commissioner Tom Moody stated State Representative Adam Lusker had called him to let him know that the representatives of the Emerald Isle Casino Group is holding a meeting in Frontenac at 12:00 PM to discuss their proposal for a casino to be located at the former Camptown location in Frontenac. Mr. Moody stated that he might be a little late for the Plaster Center Tour so that he could drop by that meeting. Commissioner Wood stated that he would also stop by that meeting.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood regarding the purchase of a roller for the county from KDOT. Mr. Wood stated that he had offered KDOT for the roller and they had accepted it. Mr. Wood also stated that he had asked Ms. Liz Hart to prepare a report that would breakdown the amounts in the 2015 budget for asphalt and other purchases by the Road & Bridge Dept.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding the possible closing of the Courthouse on April 3, 2015, at noon for Good Friday. Mr. Pyle stated that this has been done for many years and that he has received several inquiries from different departments about this possible change to the regular schedule. Commissioner Moody stated that had no problem with closing at noon on that day. The other two Commissioners felt that employees could use vacation time if they need to leave early for the Easter weekend.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding the setup of a meeting with the providers of services to residents with developmental disabilities. Mr. Emerson stated that he had discussed the time for a meeting with 2 of the 3 providers. Mr. Emerson stated that they indicated that they have a plan that they would like to present to the Commissioners. Mr. Emerson stated that he would try to have them all here for a work session at 9:00 AM on April 7, 2015.

Item Three: Commissioner Jeff Murphy regarding the workgroup from the museums in Crawford County that met on March 26, 2015. Mr. Murphy stated that representatives from two of the museums attending the meeting and he felt that they made some good progress and were getting information on how museum operations are funded and managed in Allen County and in Baxter Springs. Mr. Murphy also stated that they had some letters for the Commissioners to all review that would be sent out to the entities. The Commissioners all thought that the letters looked good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle requesting an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (15-084) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy 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, County Clerk Don Pyle 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 11:01 [AM](#) and reconvened the Open Session at 11:09 [AM](#) with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 31, 2015 – Mr. Brian Coomes, PEC Engineering Consultants, P.A. presenting a proposal for engineering services for replacement of county bridge.

Item Two: March 31, 2015 – Ms. Rebecca Brubaker, Executive Director, Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc. presenting Shelter Grant Renewal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 27, 2015, 12:00 PM – All three Commissioners could be at a meeting in Frontenac with representatives of the Emerald City Casino Group.

Item Two: March 27, 2015, 12:30 PM – Tour of the Plaster Indoor Event Center at PSU with all three Commissioners in attendance.

Item Three: March 31, 2015 – Pittsburg Elk's Lodge #412 Student Government Day.

Item Four: Commissioner Tom Moody announced that there are two openings on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board from Commission District 2.

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 [March 27, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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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 3/27/15 at 11:10 AM, Amended by DPP 3/30/15 at 3:21 PM](#)