

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Tuesday, October 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 Jeff Murphy 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 (15-304) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the **October 23, 2015** minutes of the Board of County 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	303	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 20, 2015 minutes
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- UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**
- PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**
- CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**
- MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**
- MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**
- MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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Item One: Ms. Liz Hart, Road & Bridge Administrator regarding bids on engineering and design services for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 690 on Centennial Street just east of Pittsburg. Bids were received from the following engineering firms:

Schwab Eaton submitted a proposal, PEC Engineering Consultants submitted a proposal and Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers submitted a proposal for the engineering services in connection with the design of a replacement bridge on Centennial Road in Crawford County. Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers submitted a letter stating that they declined to submit a proposal for engineering services on this project. The bid packets were opened by Ms. Hart and Mr. Pyle and distributed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wood recommended that the Commission consider hiring Cyclone, LLC, to be used as an independent consultant to review the proposals. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to have the engineers develop a few different proposals for construction of this bridge and have cost estimates for each of the proposals. It was discussed that it would be good to review these proposals thoroughly before proceeding so that the Commission understands exactly what they are looking at.

Item Two: Ms. Liz Hart, Road & Bridge Administrator, regarding some upcoming training workshops that would apply to some of the Road & Bridge Personnel. There was a discussion of which personnel should attend the different educational sessions offered by the Kansas Association of Counties.

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

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle wanted to comment on how good it was to see so many employees having blood drawn for the Wellness Screenings.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood regarding the vehicles in the Appraiser's Office. Mr. Wood thought that the truck being replaced might be repairable by the county shop so that the truck could be used by the Zoning Department.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding holding a work session to discuss the health insurance coverage for the county for 2016. Commissioner Murphy stated that he had contacted Mr. Chalfant with the Gallagher Group and that they could be here by 10:30 AM. It was discussed that they could be included in the work session to be held after the regular meeting on Friday, October 30.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy regarding his search for a reliable used pickup truck for his crew to use. Mr. Murphy stated that a truck that they currently use is not very road worthy and he hopes to find something that will be much more dependable in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 price range. Commissioner Wood mentioned that he is working on a bid package for a new truck for Randy Chiartano through the state purchasing contract and that he will discuss it with the Commissioners when they have made more progress.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood regarding some research on John Deere tractors and that he will continue to do more research to determine the best choice for the county.

Item Four: Commissioner Murphy wanted to discuss recycling services used at the county buildings. Commissioner Murphy had received an inquiry to understand if the county uses recycling services at their buildings. Mr. Pyle stated that there are places that recyclable paper and other goods are collected in the basement and the SEK Recycling Center is called when there is a good quantity to pick up. It was discussed that there are many documents that need to be shredded and a shredding service comes to the courthouse that shreds those documents on site and that the shredded paper is then recycled also. Commissioner Wood had some questions about the funds that Dr. Triplett requested from the county in order to complete process of the e-waste that had already been collected.

Item Five: Commissioner Murphy regarding a meeting that was held regarding the detouring of traffic when the intersection of Highways 7 and 47 is closed for the reconstruction of that intersection. Mr. Murphy stated that he and representatives from the Crawford County Sheriff, the Girard Police Dept. and the Girard City Administrator were all in attendance and that they had discussed how they can work together to monitor traffic during this construction process. Mr. Murphy stated that the law enforcement agencies would approve an agreement for working together and some ideas for signs were discussed. It was discussed that there may need to be some resolutions passed in order to help with enforcement on the traffic. County Counselor Emerson stated that he would help in drafting any items needed to help with enforcement. Commissioner Wood was answered that the Sheriff was aware of the issues with heavy trucks in the Pittsburg area and that he would have units enforcing the traffic restrictions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship.

On motion (15-305) of Commissioner Wood 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship 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: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:31 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:46 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: October 30, 2015 – Mr. Eldon Bedene, Emergency Management Director.

Item Two: October 30, 2015 – Mr. Chalfant with the Gallagher Group.

Item Three: November 10, 2015 – 9:00AM Work Session with the Honorable Judge Lori Bolton-Fleming, County Attorney Michael Gayoso and District Court Administrator Mac Young regarding District Court Operations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 3, 2015 – The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners is cancelled as the Commissioners will attend the Kansas Association of Counties Conference in Wichita on November 3, 4 and 5.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [October 27, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:49 **AM** and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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

Crawford County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by DPP 10/27/15 at 10:49 AM, Amended by DPP 10/27/15 at 2:30 PM/amended BKW 10/29/2015 2:30 PM