

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2014, [SEVENTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Tuesday, October 28, 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 (14-258)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 24, 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	257	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 21, 2014 minutes
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### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIAL**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle wanted to remind the Commissioners that the Canvass of the Ballots for the 2014 General Election will need to be held on Monday, November 10, 2014. It was discussed that the courthouse would be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, in observance of Veteran's Day and that the Kansas Association of Counties Conference starts on November 12. The Commissioners decided to hold the Canvass for the 2014 General Election at 9:00 AM on November 10, 2014. They also decided to have a regular meeting on Friday, November 14, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he would still be at the KAC Conference on November 14 for the business meeting.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody regarding the possibility of raising additional funds for the support of our local museums through the transient guest tax. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that a 1% increase in the transient guest tax would raise approximately \$60,000 per year currently and that the county would need to approve a new charter resolution before an increase in the transient guest tax could go into effect. Commissioner Wood had some questions about the use of this tax to support the museums. County Counselor Emerson mentioned that there are some counties that use a guest tax to support their museums. It was discussed that it would be good to get board members from the local museums as well as B.J. Harris, Crawford County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director, to all come to a work session to discuss developing a plan to help the museums.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Kmiec regarding the letter sent out to oxygen suppliers in the area. Mr. Kmiec stated that he had received some phone calls from the suppliers and he wanted to discuss their concerns. It was discussed that the LEPC Committee had sent out these letters and that Janis Goedeke or Eldon Bedene would need to talk to these suppliers about their concerns.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Kmiec regarding the materials for the storage shed for the Road & Bridge Dept. Commissioner Wood stated that he had seen a foundation used for a silo that sits on top of the ground and is bolted together. Mr. Wood stated that he is in the process of getting more information on the cost of this method of construction and asked the other Commissioners to drive by and take a look at this structure. Commissioner Kmiec stated that he would like to get the structure put together soon and Commissioner Wood stated that he would get some figures on the other structure.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Kmiec regarding the possibility of offering an early retirement incentive for county employees. Commissioner Kmiec stated that he would like to make some sort of decision on this issue. Commissioner Wood stated that he did not think we should provide insurance for anyone other than the employee if they take the early retirement package. Commissioner Moody stated that the whole point of the program is to save money by hiring replacements at a lower rate of pay that offsets the cost of the health insurance or by not replacing workers. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to see if any other local companies or government agencies are offering the early retirement incentive. County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle

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stated that they would both find information on early retirement programs that other entities offer.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: October 31, 2014** – Ms. Judy Freeman, Zoning Administrator, presenting a Motion of Recommendation for a conditional use.

**Item Two: November 10, 2014, 9:00 AM** – Meeting of the Board of Canvassers to canvass the votes for the 2014 General Election.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: November 4, 2014, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM** – Polls will be open in Crawford County for the 2014 General Election.

**Item Two: November 11, 2014** – The Crawford County Courthouse will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day and the County Commission Meeting is cancelled.

### **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 [October 28, 2014](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at [10:34 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

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken by DPP on 10/28/2014 at 10:34 AM, Amended by DPP on 10/29/2014 at 9:35 AM/amended BKW 10/30/2014 1:55 PM](#)