

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2015, [SEVENTY-FOURTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, October 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 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 (15-288) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 6, 2015** minutes of the Board of Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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	283	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 2, 2015 minutes
Motion 15	284	To appoint County Counselor Jim Emerson as the Voting Delegate at the 2015 Kansas Association of Counties Conference on November 5, 2015, in Wichita, Kansas
Motion 15	285	To approve the September 2015 Clerk's Report
Motion 15	286	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 15	287	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Personnel Issues Related to Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson

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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

Item One: Mr. John Chalfant and Mr. Bob Clement, Gallagher Group, discussing progress on County health insurance coverage for 2016. Mr. Chalfant gave the Commissioners information on their work that has been done so far on the renewal of the health insurance plan. There was a discussion of the claims data for prior periods and how important it is to have as much information as possible on claims that may not have been processed yet and anything else that can help the county to budget for health insurance expenses for the remainder of 2015. There was also a discussion of some of the problems that have been encountered in getting claims information.

Mr. Chalfant discussed the work that the Gallagher Group has been doing with the Wellness Committee in helping to get them set up. There was a discussion of the progress that the Wellness Committee has made in their work with employees.

Mr. Clement stated that the Gallagher Group will submit information to companies in the business of Stop Loss coverage to get bids for coverage to be used to compare to the cost of this coverage through BCBS. Commissioner Wood stated that he feels that the Gallagher Group should help the county to determine if the cost of insurance through BCBS is competitively priced. Tom Ragonese stated that he feels it is too late in the year to look at changing insurance companies and that the county should be working on a plan to bid out the health insurance program for 2017. The Commissioners were answered that Gallagher Group will have bids on the Stop Loss Coverage in 3 weeks and will have that information for the county.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Ryan Varsolona, Crawford County Appraiser, regarding the possible purchase of a vehicle through the Kansas Surplus Property Program. Mr. Varsolona stated that he has been looking at vehicles through some different vendors and the Kansas Gov't Contracts purchasing and it appears that they are the most competitive. Commissioner Wood stated that he has been working with Mr. Varsolona to upgrade his fleet to avoid some major repair bills and that he will need to get bids on lease purchase financing. Commissioner Wood stated that he wants to purchase the van currently and that he has a dealer looking for a used hybrid Ford Fusion.

On motion (15-289) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to authorize the County Appraiser to lease purchase a vehicle through the State of Kansas Contract Purchasing Program.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding an advertisement for the Crawford County Ambulance Director's position. Mr. Emerson was concerned about the due date for the receipt of applications and he stated that the ad would be in The Morning Sun, The Joplin Globe, in the KEMSA website and on the county website. The Commissioners felt that we should allow receiving applications through October 30.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy regarding a request from the City of Girard to borrow the bulldozer to push down some rock and dirt piles for the city. Commissioner Murphy was going to get some more information on the scope of the work.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood regarding the engagement of Gallagher Group in reviewing the county's health insurance coverage. There was a discussion of the amounts paid by the county for Stop Loss coverage and for administrative expenses and that these are areas that Gallagher Group can help with. There was also a discussion of the need to report Workmen's Comp injuries in a timely manner. Tom Ragonese also discussed some of the work that needs to be done for health insurance prior to year end.

On motion (15-290) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to transfer the Worker's Comp Dividend Amount of \$65,407 to the Risk Management Fund.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood regarding scheduling a work session to review applications for the Zoning Director's Position.

Item Five: Commissioner Murphy regarding the possibility of using the payroll accrual amounts for the creation of a Reserve Fund. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he would have those figures for the next meeting.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (15-291) of Commissioner Murphy 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 5 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, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 13, 2015 – Mr. Eldon Bedene, Emergency Management Director regarding hiring a part-time administrator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 12, 2015 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance Columbus Day.

Item Two: October 13, 2015, 8:30 AM – Work Session to review applications for the position of Zoning Administrator.

Item Three: October 13, 2015 – 4:45 PM Meeting with the Pittsburg City Commissioners on Economic Development at the Pittsburg Law Enforcement Center.

Item Four: October 15, 2015 – 7:30 AM Kansas Board of Regents breakfast meeting at the Robert W. Plaster Center. 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 [October 9, 2015](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:27 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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

Crawford County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by DPP 10/09/15 at 11:27 AM, Amended by DPP 10/09/2015 at 3:20 PM/amended BKW 10/09/2015 3:34 PM