

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2014, [SIXTY-NINTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS [Friday, September 26, 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 (14-239)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [September 23, 2014](#) minutes of the Board of Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	235	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the <a href="#">September 19, 2014</a> minutes
Motion 14	236	To Close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating platted unnamed streets and alleys in Frank Benintende Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 14	237	To adopt Resolution #2014-027, a Resolution closing and vacating platted unnamed streets and alleys in Frank Benintende Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 14	238	To approve the Agreement between Crawford County and BNSF Railway Company for the installation of Railroad Crossing Signals at the intersection of 630 <sup>th</sup> and 150 <sup>th</sup> Streets just north of Girard, Kansas

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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

**Item One:** Ms. Krista Bubna, USD 248 Instructor, and the Honors English Class regarding the “Little Free Library”. Ms. Bubna introduced the members of the Honors English Class at USD 248 in Girard including Ashley McDonald, Auston Bevins, Morgan Houk and Alex Troike. Ms. Morgan Houk discussed the Little Free Library that they are proposing to locate on the courthouse property in Girard. Ms. Houk explained that this is a widespread effort to locate these libraries across the country to give readers better access to a variety of books. Mr. Bevins discussed the timeline for the project and some of the benefits to the community. Mr. Bevins also discussed the proposed design for the library and that it should be completed in October. Ms. Houk also discussed some of the other materials included that show some of the art that would decorate the bookcase. There was a discussion of the possible location of the library and that it would be maintained year round by the USD 248 Honors English Class. The students stated that they felt that the location on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn would be the best choice for the library since it already had some seating and the gazebo is nearby. The Commissioners all felt that this would be a good addition to the courthouse lawn and asked that the students work with Tom Ragonese on the final placement and installation of the library to be sure that it does not encounter any problems.

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September 24, 2014

Att: Crawford County Commission

Greetings,

My name is Auston Bevins and I am writing on behalf of my junior Honors English class at Girard High School. Our class is working on an exciting project called the Little Free Library. The Little Free Library program has been initiated in thousands of communities across the globe, to promote literacy.

Little Free Libraries are small boxes -- mini libraries -- where community members can trade books and connect to one another in the process. The program operates on the "take a book, return a book" system and allows the community to share their passion for reading at no cost.

Our proposed Little Free Library will be three feet by two feet, placed four feet off the ground, and hold approximately 25 books. It is designed and will be built by members of the our English class. We'd like to place our Little Free Library in a public setting that will allow it to be visible and accessible. We believe a location on the north side of the Girard town square would be ideal, as it is accessible and at the heart of our community.

A Little Free Library offers many benefits to our community. It encourages literacy and a sharing of ideas for all ages in our community. It offers a gathering place for people within the community to connect and will stand as a lasting landmark in Girard.

We have enclosed details of our proposal for the library for your consideration. Thank you for your time.

For more information on Little Free Libraries, visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).

Best Regards,



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## **BENEFITS**

- Encourages literacy in the community
- Offers alternative to renting or buying books
- Creates a gathering place for people within the community to connect
- Promotes vibrancy in town center
- Gives students the opportunity to contribute to the community

## **TIMELINE**

OCTOBER 1 - Begin Construction

NOVEMBER 1 - Collect Books

DECEMBER 1 - Project Completion

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### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIAL

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Eldon Bedene, Janis Goedeke and Mike Scott from the LEPC requesting Chairman Kmiec sign a letter to Durable Medical Equipment providers. The letter states that the committee is requesting that local distributors that provide oxygen bottles and equipment for home use provide the LEPC Committee with emergency contact information that will allow the distributors to be contacted at any time when their customers are without power. Mr. Bedene discussed that there have been many residents that have needed replacement oxygen tanks or transportation to a facility with oxygen when their homes have been without electricity. Mr. Bedene stated that these calls have caused some big problems at times when emergency responders are already in high demand. The LEPC Board had drafted a letter to send to these suppliers to request 24 hour emergency contact information for these types of situations. There was a discussion of how this was handled in past emergencies and that this information could be very helpful if a widespread and lengthy power outage occurs. The Commissioners felt that this would be a good first effort to get this information.

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September 26, 2014

Dear Durable Medical Equipment Provider:

Crawford County has experienced some challenges this past year with winter and spring storms that have caused power outages. During this time the Crawford County dispatcher received a large number of calls from citizens that are on home oxygen that are requiring transport due to the power outage. This increased volume of calls places a large burden on our dispatchers, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department.

It has been brought to our attention that the citizens are not able to reach your company after hours even though there is a 24 hour line available.

As the local board of health, the lack of oxygen to home based patients in a power outage is unacceptable. Crawford County believes that you are required by the quality of standards to supply this service. (see references below)

- DMEPOS
- Appendix A number 2: The supplier shall provide respiratory services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as needed by the beneficiary and/or caregiver(s).
- The Joint Commission (TJC) has issued revisions for three Elements of Performance (EPs) for Equipment Management standard 01.04.01, effective immediately. These revisions are applicable to the Home Care Accreditation program. EQ.01.04.01 requires Home Care organizations to provide patients with emergency maintenance, replacement or backup of medical equipment when needed. The revisions made by TJC are relatively minor and are indicated by underlined text:EQ.01.04.01 EP 8:

It is our hope that you will work with our LEPC and Local Board of Health to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Kmiec  
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Chair

**On motion (14-240)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Letter to Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Kmiec, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD  
NEW BUSINESS:**

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**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle regarding the City/County Officials Luncheon that is being hosted by Frontenac on October 14, 2014, at 11:30 AM. All three Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle indicated that they would attend the luncheon.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood regarding the designation of truck routes in the county. Mr. Wood stated that the county needs to designate truck routes ahead of time and notify cities and contractors that they need to contact the county when they are considering projects that will require extensive hauling on county roads. There was a discussion of how to notify all parties that the county should be notified of any upcoming projects. County Counselor Jim Emerson was going to put together some materials and a letter to send out to the appropriate parties.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle regarding a proposed resolution regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Clean Power Plan. Mr. Pyle stated that some local residents that were coal miners and are United Mine Workers of America members had sent the information on the resolution to him. Commissioner Wood asked that County Counselor Jim Emerson review the resolution and get it ready for the approval of the Commissioners. It was decided to table this resolution until the next meeting.

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## **State and Local Government Resolution Regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Clean Power Plan**

**WHEREAS**, America's coal miners have worked for decades to provide the means to energize our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, doing so has cost the lives of more than 100,000 miners who have been killed in the mines over the last 100 years, and another 100,000 who have died from contracting occupational diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of retired miners, their dependents and surviving spouses depend on the pensions and health care earned through decades of hard, dangerous work; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands more miners are at work every day in our nation's coal mines to provide a decent standard of living for their families and are the economic drivers of their local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a "Clean Power Plan" (CPP) rule with the stated intention of reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPP rule will lead to the closure of coal-burning power plants throughout the United States, resulting in the loss of more than 52,000 jobs in the coal, utility and railroad industries by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, further direct job losses in those industries will reach 65,000 by 2030 as a result of this rule; and

**WHEREAS**, these job losses will have a ripple effect in the communities throughout the coalfields and beyond, where more than 208,000 jobs will be lost by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the retirement security for retirees, spouses and widows will be put at significant risk as a result of this proposed rule; and

**WHEREAS**, independent analysis indicates that there will be approximately a one percent reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the CPP

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rule, meaning that it will have little real effect toward meeting its stated goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has not seen fit to hold public hearings on this rule in coalfield communities, but has instead held them in cities that aren't near coal mines or coal workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the people who will be most adversely affected by this rule are being shut out of the process, with no vote, no voice and no consideration being paid to what will happen to them and their communities; now,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby call on U.S. EPA to schedule public hearings in the coalfields; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby call on U.S. EPA to either withdraw the proposed rule or revise it to eliminate the economic shocks that will occur to critical coalfield communities throughout the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \_\_\_\_\_ will send copies of this resolution to the United Mine Workers of America and to our federal elected officials.

For \_\_\_\_\_ (State/local government)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson wanted to remind everyone that the KAC Conference will be held on November 12 – 14, 2014, in Wichita. Mr. Emerson wanted to be sure that anyone that is interested in attending should go ahead and register.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Item One: September 30, 2014** – Mac Young, Administrative Director, Community Corrections presenting Fiscal Year 2014 Year End Outcome.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [September 26, 2014](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:37 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 09/26/2014 at 10:37 AM, Amended by DPP on 9/29/2014 at 2:09 PM/amended BKW 09/29/2014 3:34:21 PM](#)