

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 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.

General Government Director Bobbi Wicker 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 (17-132) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the April 7, 2017 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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 Director presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Table with 3 columns: Motion Number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 17, 128, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 4, 2017 minutes. Row 2: Motion 17, 129, To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Appraiser John Macary. Row 3: Motion 17, 130, To approve the March 2017 Clerk's Report as presented.

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Motion 17	131	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant and Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,599 and Authorize the Chairman to Sign
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (17-133) of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Project Manager Robert Gorentz.

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 10:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator reported on the Zika Virus Mitigation Tire Program at the Crawford County Road & Bridge Department (Freeto Building) on Saturday. He presented pictures to the Commissions that were taken at the location that day. He stated that the public was very happy and receptive to the program. Mr. Wood discussed the issue of whether or not the landfill accepts tires. Mr. Graham stated that from 8 AM to 3PM on Saturday a little over 1000 tires were brought in. He also said that the City of Pittsburg, the City of McCune and the City of Mulberry brought additional tires before the site opened. Mr. Graham gave some statistics on the number of tires and the number of vehicles per hour. He stated that there is enough grant money left to hold 2 more drop off locations and suggested one be held in the Girard area. A discussion was held on the dates to hold the programs and how many county employees will be needed at each site. Mr. Graham stated that the grant will pay for advertising and the costs for disposing of the tires but will not cover labor for the employees working. He stated that there were 3 Road and Bridge employees plus himself, May Smith and Bill Towery present on Saturday. Mr. Graham stated the grants ends around the 2nd week of May and suggested having both programs on April 29, 2017. He explained he will need to submit a new site plan to the State for the additional programs before they are held. A discussion was held with Mr. Chris Weiner, Girard City Administrator about a location

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for the Girard area pickup. There was also a discussion on coordinating the tire pickup program with the Girard City Spring Cleanup. Mr. Graham will keep in touch with Mr. Weiner. It was decided to have a drop off location at the County Barn in Girard and at the Road and Bridge Department (Freeto Building) on April 29, 2017 from 8:00 to 3:00 PM and Mr. Graham will start on advertising as soon as possible.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Weiner discussed milling a few alleyways in the City of Girard and asked the Commissioners with assistance and use of a County roller.

Item Two: Mr. Weiner addressed the issue of the lift station at the Girard Industrial Park. He explained that 1 pump has failed and the entire lift station needs replaced and the cost will be approximately \$80,000. He discussed the issue of running on one pump and the consequences if that pump should fail. He stated that the City does not want to replace the lift station until the issue of a bar screen is settled at the jail as this is what is causing the pumps to fail. Mr. Weiner stated that a meeting is needed with Sheriff Peak to work out a plan to have a bar screen installed at the jail. He explained to the Commissioners that an automatic bar screen is approximately \$80,000 but JDC has a manual hand crank bar screen which is maintained by the staff. Mr. Weiner stated that he wants the County to pay for the expense of installing a bar screen at the jail as it should have been installed when the jail was built. The Commissioners and Mr. Weiner discussed waiving or lowering monthly sewer rates if the County installs the bar screen. Mr. Weiner explained that the problem is the inmates at the jail putting unacceptable materials down the sewer system. There was a discussion of the availability of CDBG funds. Mr. Murphy stated that this problem needs solved immediately. A work session was scheduled with Sheriff Peak and Mr. Weiner on Friday, April 11, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Item Three: Mr. Weiner addressed the use of a County back hoe for the City of Girard Spring Clean Up. The Commissioners agreed to allow the City of Girard use of a County Backhoe and to have Mr. Weiner contact Randy Chiartano to discuss the use of the back hoe and the roller. Mr. Wood stated that he wants a county employee to operate the roller and to also discuss this with Mr. Chiartano.

Item Four: Mr. Weiner stated that there is a dead tree on the Courthouse lawn and the City of Girard will have it removed. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Five: Mr. Weiner stated the entrances to the courthouse parking lot will be fixed and PEC will take care of the local match expenses. Mr. Weiner and Mr. Graham also discussed handicapped parking spaces on each side of the sidewalk entrances from the square to the Courthouse.

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

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Item One: Commissioner Murphy addressed the fairgrounds and asked Mr. Ron Albertini, County Surveyor to explain the flood zone area at the Angels Among us Building that was demolished. Mr. Albertini explained the flood zones and the regulations at the County, State and Federal levels. He explained that the City of Girard must complete the application for a Flood Plain Field Permit as they own the Fairgrounds. He stated that this needs to be done as soon as possible so work can be started. The Commissioners and Mr. Albertini discussed a variance. They also discussed base flood elevation and felt it would be best go to 2 feet above. Mr. Murphy stated that he attended a Fair Board meeting last night and they stated that the fair board does not have the extra money for a concrete slab but it must be done and they are trying to raise the money for it. There was a discussion on the time issue with the Fair being held the first week of August. Mr. Albertini and the Commissioners discussed donations to get the projects at the Fair Grounds completed. There was a discussion on other projects being worked on at the Fairgrounds. The Commissioner would like to have some Fair Board members attend the meeting on Friday and Mr. Weiner and Mr. Albertini stated they will both be in attendance.

Item Two: Mr. Wood stated he is going to look at a backhoe in the Kansas City Area on Thursday.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented a letter from Dr. Triplett about a fork lift for SEK Recycling, Inc. Mr. Emerson explained that the SEK Recycling entered into a lease purchase for a fork lift at \$275 per month and they would like the Center to pay for 1/3, the City of Pittsburg to pay 1/3 and the County to pay 1/3 which would be \$92 per month per entity. Mr. Emerson gave some background information on what took place previously with the fork lift. The Commissioners stated that they would like to verify the amount and exact costs and would like to speak with Mr. Triplett.

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April 6, 2017

Jim Emerson
County Counselor
Crawford County Courthouse
Girard, KS 66743

Dear Jim,

The purpose of this letter is to explain and request your support for an additional equipment charge we added to the invoice for the Household Hazardous Waste and Large Item Drop-off programs that SEK Recycle operates for the City of Pittsburg and Crawford County.

Since the beginning of the project, SEKRI has relied on the used forklift purchased by the County through the Household Hazardous Waste grant to support the material handling activities of the Large Item Drop-off, the HHW program and general use at the Center. It was particularly useful as it had pneumatic tires that allowed it to operate in some of our off pavement areas. Almost a year ago, the fork-lift developed some serious motor failures and was deemed not cost-effective to repair by our service person and the county. We have tried to get by with the two operable fork-lifts owned by the center, but it has created a difficult work environment, especially on Large Item Drop-off days and HHW handling periods.

We looked into renting one, but it was cost prohibitive at almost \$500 a time, and as you are well aware, we do not have deep enough pockets to come up with \$17,000 to buy a replacement used one. Instead, we were able to purchase a low hour, used machine on a lease-purchase contract for \$275 a month. What we are asking is that the projects that benefit from our having this equipment help pay for its cost. A three way split would result in a charge of \$92 for each activity, and in your case, that would be every other month for the Large Item Drop-off and monthly for the HHW. We propose that the County allow us to sell its broken fork-lift and credit the receipts to the County charge accounts.

It is our hope that we can eliminate the past necessity of requesting supplemental funding from the County to stay operational. As recommended by the Commissioners when we last approached them for assistance, we are altering our charge structure so that our activities are self-sustaining, thereby reducing the chance of revenue shortfalls. This is one of the reasons we feel the equipment charge is necessary to cover this unanticipated cost.

Thanks for your consideration. We are just trying to come up with a fair and reasonable solution.

Respectfully,

Jim Triplett, President
SEK Recycling, Inc.

Item Two: Mr. Murphy gave an update on the high tunnel at the C-Tech location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION con't

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (17-134) of Commissioner Wood 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners 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 11:31 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:41 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS con't

Item Three: The Commissioner discussed Good Friday on April 14, 2017.

On motion (17-135) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to close the Courthouse at 12 noon on April 14, 2017, for Good Friday.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Murphy

Nays: Commissioner Wood

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 14, 2017 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Sheriff Peak and Mr. Chris Weiner, Girard City Administrator to discuss the lift station at the Girard Industrial Park.

Item Two: April 14, 2017 – Representatives from Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Gallagher Group addressing Health Insurance.

Item Three: April 18, 2017 – 9:00 AM Work Session on a countywide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Item Four: April 18, 2017 – Southeast High School USD 247 Technology Student Association requesting donation for expenses to the National Championship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 14, 2017 – The Courthouse will close at 12 noon for Good Friday.

Item Two: April 26, 2017 – 2017 Student Government Day.

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 [April 11, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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.

Bobbi Wicker

General Government Director

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 4/11/17 11:50 AM/amended BKW 4/13/17 1:00 PM](#)