

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, April 11, 2023 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-157) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 4, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair 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 23	154	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 31, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	155	To approve the March 2023 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 23	156	To approve closing the Courthouse on Good Friday, April 7, 2023

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: Mental Health Executive Director Heather Spaur requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-158) of Commissioner Blair 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Mental Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mental Health Executive Director Heather Spaur and Mr. Mark Werner and to reconvene by 10:25 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on closing and vacating platted streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-159) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating platted streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Chairman Blair stated there was no one present that wished to speak either in favor of or on closing and vacating platted streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-160) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating platted streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-007, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating Platted Streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County, Kansas. He presented a map of the area and explained where the streets are located. He stated that the landowners were notified and there was no opposition.

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On motion (23-161) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2023-007, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating Platted Streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that today is the City of Pittsburg Special Question Election and the 4 polls located in the City of Pittsburg are open until 7:00 PM.

Item Two: Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he has had a request for a work session with Ryan Insurance for the quarterly loss review. The Commissioners scheduled a work session with Ryan Insurance on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Item Three: Ms. Lusker stated that she would like to conduct the canvass from the 2023 City of Pittsburg Special Election on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The Commissioners agreed and the Board of County Canvassers will meet on April 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM to canvass the ballots from the 2023 City of Pittsburg Special Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody addressed ARPA funding. He stated that he would like an update on the status of the daycare funding. Mr. Emerson stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Bonnie Houk and Mr. Mike Bodensteiner on Thursday for an annual report that is due and he will get an update on the child care funding at that time.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood stated that Mr. Emerson and himself had a meeting with the Veterans Community Project yesterday in Kansas City, Missouri. He presented information on veteran housing and explained that this housing is all built by donations. He explained that there is an application process that needs to be completed and that representatives from the Veterans Community Project are willing to come to Crawford County for a meeting. Commissioner Wood discussed where the projects are being built at this time. He explained that Veterans Community Project helps the applicants choose a sight for the project, do the campaigning for funding, do all the PR work and possibly build the project and the housing is all for retired veterans. Commissioner Blair was answered that the organization also runs the facility after it is established. Commissioner Wood and Mr. Emerson stated that they toured one of the houses and it was very nice. Commissioner Wood explained what other amenities are included in the housing project. The Commissioners agreed to meet with the organization. Mr. Emerson will complete the

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paperwork needed. Mr. Emerson stated that this is not a permanent housing situation but transitional housing. He explained the details on the donated financing.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood stated that he would like an executive session with Health Department Director Debra Anthony on Friday. Mr. Emerson will contact Ms. Anthony to see if she is available.

Item Seven: Commissioner Blair requested that Mr. Emerson check on the status of the NextEra project.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed the autopsy transportation bids. He said that two bids were received, Bath Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory & Derfelt Funeral Homes. He explained that there was another interested party that was not able to submit a bid in time but would like to bid next year if the bids are opened up again. Mr. Emerson stated that he reviewed the bids with County Coroner Dr. Adam Paoni and they recommend going with the low bid from Derfelt Funeral Homes. Mr. Emerson explained that Dr. Paoni has worked with Derfelt in the past and they did a satisfactory job.

On motion (23-162) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the bid from Derfelt Funeral Homes for autopsy transportation services as recommended by County Coroner Dr. Adam Paoni.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody discussed the status of the work on the south end of the Freeto Building. Commissioner Blair and Mr. Emerson stated that are making headway on the project. Mr. Emerson will get an update from Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz. There was a discussion on the time line of the grant involved in the project.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair reported on the SEK Regional Planning Committee meeting he attended. He stated that out of the 12 CDBG that were discussed 4 of the grants were for Crawford County. He stated that the cities are utilizing the services of Regional Planning Committee therefore the investment for the county's dues was well worth it. Commissioner Blair stated that he spoke to the Executive Director about KDOT and Rural Water funding.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed a meeting with the Highway 69 Association and Mr. Emerson stated that he has researched and could not locate any upcoming meetings. There was a discussion of representation on the Highway 69 Association and requested that Mr. Emerson acquire a list of representatives.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 14, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with the Road Foremen, the leadmen and Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano to discuss this year's asphalt scheduling.

Item Two: April 18, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Shop Foreman Josh Peak to discuss trucks and equipment.

Item Three: April 18, 2023 – 10:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2023 City of Pittsburg Special Question Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Four: April 21, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Ryan Insurance addressing quarterly loss review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 11, 2023 – City of Pittsburg Special Question Election. Polls within the City of Pittsburg will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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 [April 11, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:57 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair 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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 4/11/2023 10:57 AM/amended BKW 4/12/2023 11:00 AM