

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, April 12, 2024 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.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan 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 (24-185) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **April 9, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 24	180	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 5, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	181	To approve the bid from National Sign Company in the amount of \$18,600 for the road post and sign replacement project
Motion 24	182	To approve the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant pre-application for energy efficient HVAC Duct replacement for the courthouse and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 24	183	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Midway Dirt to Turf and to request an abatement in the amount of \$205.42 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$204.42 from the 2022 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	184	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss work pertaining to the road crews and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:27 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jovanna Brackett Oetinger addressed the Commissioners in reference to wind farms and solar panels. She discussed the life span of wind turbines as well as the material they are made from and the downfall to these two components. Ms. Brackett Oetinger also brought up the way the construction process interrupts farm land and the top soil located on this ground. Ms. Brackett Oetinger also stated the wind turbines cause seizures and that she knows people in Missouri who are having health issues because of wind turbines. She once again stressed the importance of not giving away farm ground and that it is important to growing the food that we eat. Ms. Brackett Oetinger stated she understands the land can be zoned to prevent wind farms and solar panels but mentioned she does not believe land owners should have to give more control to the government so that they can do the right thing on these issues. She mentioned that she will not allow a wind turbine on her land but that her neighbor could make the choice too and that it will disrupt her land process, farming, and the hunters on her land. She discussed that the full semitruck loads to bring in the parts to construct the wind turbines and questioned what damage that traffic will do to local roads. Commissioner Wood mentioned there will be more meetings in the future to discuss the land use again. Commissioner Wood asked Ms. Brackett Oetinger if she lived in the zoned portion of Crawford County and she answered that yes she does. Commissioner Blair then asked what she views as the disadvantage to zoning areas in the county. Ms. Brackett Oetinger stated she could not find any research on what it means to have county land zoned. She stated to do things on your land you already have to answer to the county, but that she just is not for more government control. Commissioner Blair asked why she mentioned being in a zoned area would affect her neighbors farming process, and asked what she had to change personally with her farming process because she lives in a zoned area. Ms. Brackett Oetinger replied that she was not even aware that she lived in a zoned portion so she did not change anything about her farming process. County Counselor Jim Emerson gave more insight on what zoning land entails. Ms. Brackett Oetinger mentioned for the Commissioners to maybe speak in a way the public understands at their next meetings in regards to land use. Commissioner Wood reiterated some things Mr. Emerson said in regards to zoning. Commissioner Wood also mentioned he believes in some ways the residents will be

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protected by zoning. Commissioner Wood gave her some contact information to discuss her concerns as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: 911/Communications Director Tim Mikrut requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-186) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss communications and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and 911/Communications Director Tim Mikrut, and to reconvene by 10:56 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Application and Certificate for Payment #5 and Final from Tri-State Building and Supply Co Inc for the Crawford County Health Department Project in the amount of \$18,087.40. Commissioner Wood asked if the punch lists were signed off on and Mr. Emerson stated they were. Commissioner Wood also asked if the cameras are separate from this final payment and Mr. Emerson stated that yes, the additional cameras are separate.

On motion (24-187) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment #5 and Final from Tri-State Building and Supply Co Inc for the Crawford County Health Department Project in the amount of \$18,087.40 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood mentioned the Highway 69 Association meeting in May. He stated he will be getting in contact with some people he knows about what this meeting will cover in regards to the new bypass. Commissioner Wood also stated they do not get informed like they should as members so he will be getting some information regarding that as well.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if he is available on Monday evening at 6:00 PM to view some trees and that arrangements have already been made with Foreman Dustin Blair and Mr. Emerson stated he should be available.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood said they met with the people at the new ATC building with Foreman Dustin Blair and that the ideal timing for the tasks at the ATC building that were previously discussed in a meeting will be in May.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan would like to request a work session to go over the April ARPA Drawdown on April 23rd at 9:30 AM.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair mentioned awhile back the Highway 7 project was discussed to begin in Fall 2024 and he stated that is still on track to take place. He also spoke with KDOT in regards to them helping with dust control and that KDOT will pay for an outlined area of dust control.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 19, 2024 – Public hearing on Vacated a Platted Street in Vanpevenage’s Subdivision.

Item Two: April 23, 2024 – Mr. Mike Bodensteiner discussing ARPA update.

Item Three: April 23, 2024 – Opening of chip & seal oil bids.

Item Four: April 23, 2024- 9:30 AM Work session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan in regards to April ARPA Drawdown.

Item Four: April 26, 2024 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Josh Lawson and Stephen Euston from Bukaty Company.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 16, 2024 thru April 18, 2024 – KCCA 48th Annual Conference in Pittsburg, Kansas. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

Item Two: April 16, 2024 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Commissioners attending the KCCA Conference.

Item Three: April 25, 2024 – Southeast Kansas District Meeting in Burlington from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [April 12, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:05 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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.

Randi Ryan

Director of Fiscal Services

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken RJA 4/17/24 at 10:00 AM/amended BKW 4/16/24 1:30 PM](#)