

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2016, TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, April 1, 2016, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Carl Wood and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (16-110)** of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 29, 2016** minutes of the Board of County 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 16	107	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 25, 2016 minutes
Motion 16	108	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 16	109	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Emergency

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**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**  
**CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**  
**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**  
**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**  
**PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presenting the March 2016 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that it summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and other bills during the month of March. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the February 2016 to March 2016 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners. A discussion was held on the different departments and increases and decreases in expenditures. Mr. Emerson questioned an expenditure in Sewer District #5 fund. Mr. Pyle will check into this and report on Tuesday.

**On motion (16-111)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to table the Clerk's report until the Tuesday, April 5, 2016 meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Murphy addressed the process of Department heads submitting their budgets for the year. Mr. Murphy would like to move the deadline up by about a month to have more time for the Commission to review their requests and meet with the Department Heads. He would like to send the budgets out April 1 to have returned by May 1. Mr. Pyle explained that valuation is not available until the end of June. The Commissioners all agreed that moving the deadline to May 1 will be fine.

**Item Three:** Mr. Wood stated that it is mandatory that all road and bridge employees attend the meeting on April 7, 2016, regarding health insurance, wellness benefits and railroad safety at the Homer Cole Center. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Moody agreed that the meeting is mandatory.

**Item Four:** Mr. Murphy asked if the minutes to the Commission meetings were emailed to elected officials and department heads. A discussion was held on when the minutes were available after the Commissioners approval. It was decided to email the minutes to all elected officials and department heads after the final approval of the Commissioners.

**Item Five:** Mr. Wood stated that Liz Hart is going to order new safety t-shirts for the Road & Bridge Employees.

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**Item Six:** Mr. Wood stated that he, Mr. Moody and Mr. Emerson will be in a meeting 8:30 Tuesday morning at the City of Frontenac.

**Item Seven:** Mr. Wood discussed the budget deadlines and the 2015 audit.

**Item Eight:** Mr. Wood stated that there is a dump truck located in Lawrence listed on Purple Wave and he would like his foreman to go look at it.

**Item Nine:** Mr. Wood stated that the papers have been signed on the mowers and tractors but no delivery date has been set yet.

**Item Ten:** Mr. Moody stated that he read that the Cherokee County lawsuit on the casino was shot down for 3<sup>rd</sup> time. He stated that these lawsuits have cost Crawford County three 90 day extensions. Mr. Moody wants to protect the county's interest if they should decide to proceed with the lawsuits. He stated that it is Crawford County money, City of Pittsburg money and the Casino money and that it is also costing the County jobs. Mr. Wood will check into the status and report back at the next meeting.

**Item Eleven:** Mr. Moody addressed the railroad crossing and construction at Gooding Road and 7 Hwy. He stated that this has been in progress for 3 weeks. Mr. Murphy stated that the railroad is still rebuilding their crossing. There was a discussion on the condition of the approaches to the tracks and the responsibility of fixing and paying for the repairs to the crossing. Mr. Murphy stated he spoke with a representative from the railroad this morning.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented a draft of resolution that prohibits the operation of trucks and commercial vehicles on certain roads in Crawford County, Kansas. Mr. Emerson explained the contents of the proposed resolution. He would like the Commissioners to review the proposed resolution and let him know their comments.

**Item Two:** Mr. Murphy stated he would like a motion made on emailing the Commission Minutes to Department Heads and Elected Officials. It was decided that the minutes will be emailed after final approval by the Commissioners to all department heads and Elected Officials after the meeting in which they are approved.

**On motion (16-112)** of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody to have the County Clerk email the approved Commission Minutes to all department heads and elected officials.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: April 1, 2016 – 4:00 PM** Briefing with area legislators at the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce and all three Commissioners may be in attendance.

**Item Two: April 5, 2016 – 8:30 AM** Mr. Emerson, Mr. Wood and Mr. Moody will be in attendance at a meeting with the City of Frontenac.

**Item Three: April 7, 2016 – 9:00 AM Meeting** for Road and Bridge employees to discuss health insurance, wellness benefits and railroad safety at the Homer Cole Center.

## UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [April 1, 2016](#) 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 Murphy, 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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

**Taken by BKW 4/01/16 11:27 AM**