

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, April 1, 2022, 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 Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker was seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (22-123) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 29, 2022** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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 22	119	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 25, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	120	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:24 AM
Motion 22	121	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the 911 Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:31 AM
Motion 22	122	To approve the purchase of a 30 foot rail yard car for \$27,000 from The Railroad Yard, Inc

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Larry Hiatt, Publisher of the Pittsburg Morning Sun introduced himself to the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Mr. Tim Mikrut, 911 Director requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-124) 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 15 minutes to discuss the 911 Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and 911 Director Tim Mikrut and to reconvene by 10:19 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:04 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:19 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that the compactor arrived yesterday. He discussed graders and the exhaust systems. He explained that when the old graders reach 5,000 hours, the exhaust systems require maintenance and that entails sending the exhaust system to Topeka for maintenance which takes approximately 2 weeks. He stated that he would like to purchase an extra exhaust system as a back up for when the exhaust systems on the graders are sent in to be maintained so the graders are not down during that time. He explained the maintenance schedule on the three graders and stated that the cost for the extra system is \$4,000. The Commissioners agreed to have Shop Foreman Josh Peak proceed with the purchase.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed the fuel tank storage and stated that a company came and inspected the fuel tank storage and they requested a few changes in order for the tank storage to be in compliance. He stated that one of the requests was a concrete pad under the tanks and explained the process to be taken in order for the pads to be poured. Commissioner Blair stated that the concrete work will be done by his road crew. Commissioner Moody requested that Mr. Peak check on all the fuel tanks.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker that Ms. Cristy Mitchell with Blue Cross and Blue Shield has a conflict with the date of April 8, 2022 for the work session. She said that Ms. Mitchell will be available on the April 12th, 19th or 22nd for a work session. The Commissioners scheduled the work session on April 19th, 2022 at 9:30 AM. Ms. Lusker stated that CVB Director Mr. Dave Looby requested a work session with the Commissioners to address some changes. The Commissioner scheduled a work session with Mr. Looby on April 8th, 2022 at 9:30 AM.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson discussed infrastructure money from the federal government. He stated that he read the letter that Commissioner Blair received from a private company that were offering their services in helping with the federal funding. He stated that he would like to discuss services of this type with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti and getting a plan in place. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair agreed. Commissioner Blair would also like to contact KDOT on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-125) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:48 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-126) 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 10 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 11:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Ms. Sandy Casey, Register of Deeds addressed the Commissioners and discussed putting information from her office on line so researchers can have on line access to those records. She discussed a digitizing program through the Register of Deeds current software company so the deeds only beginning in 1947 at a cost of \$67,000. She explained the process in getting the records digitized. She also discussed discovering some old plats and having those plats preserved a little better in sleeves and new book covers. Ms. Casey stated that some of these plats have been redrawn at some point but the plats she is wanting to preserve are the original plats. She explained that their records go back to the 1800's but she is requesting to digitize the records only back to 1947. There was a discussion on paying for part of this process with ARPA funds. She stated that the records starting in 1947 had at one time been microfilmed but the microfilm is of very poor quality. Ms. Casey explained that once the new system for digitizing records is in place, her staff will begin working on project of scanning the documents without hiring an outside source to scan the records. She stated also that scanning these documents will save the record books by not being pulled off the shelves and handled as much or being laid on the copier for copies of the records. Commissioner Moody asked about digitizing the records back to the 1800's and Ms. Casey explained the reason is that the year 1947 was chosen as a starting point for cost. Ms. Casey will give an update on the project next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Four: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-127) 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 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson via telephone call and to reconvene by 11:27 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: April 8, 2022 – 9:30 AM Work Session with CVB Director Mr. Dave Looby.

Item Two: April 8, 2022 – Mr. Darrel Pulliam discussing Prairie Pathways Bike Routes.

Item Three: April 19, 2022 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Ms. Cristi Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative to discuss health insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 15, 2022 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday and the Regularly Scheduled Session of the Board of County Commissioners is canceled.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [April 1, 2022](#) 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 Moody, Blair and Johnson

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 and amended BKW 4/4/2022 10:30 AM](#)