

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, April 5, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Commissioner Bruce Blair were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker 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 (24-174) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

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

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody 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 24	167	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 26, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	168	To approve the March 2024 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 24	169	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by E & J Investments LLC and to request a refund in the amount of \$1,240.32 from the 2022 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 24	170	To approve the authorization for requesting a consultant for updating the comprehensive plan and zoning regulations
Motion 24	171	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss liability insurance and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:31 AM
Motion 24	172	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss acquisition of property and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:41 AM
Motion 24	173	To approve the renewal of professional liability insurance for the EMS Department through Ryan Insurance Agency as presented in the amount of \$30,745.50

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards presented the Commissioners with bid information for asphalt material from the City of Pittsburg. She explained City of Pittsburg opened the bids on April 2nd and then sent everything over to her yesterday. Ms. Edwards explained that the City of Pittsburg received 3 separate bids from Blevins Asphalt Construction Co INC, Emery Sapp & Sons, and Bettis Asphalt & Construction. Ms. Edwards stated that two of the companies will be set up in Crawford County and one will be set up in Carthage. Commissioner Wood said he would like time to look these over and make a decision at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-175) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss asphalt bids and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:15 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:09 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Ross Martinson addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he lives in Farlington and wanted to discuss the condition the roads are being left in due to the electric companies that come through. Mr. Martinson said these companies have been having large equipment on these roads that he believes should not be there and that there has been damage to several culverts. Mr. Martinson specified Evergy as the energy company that has been around his area recently. Commissioner Moody explained that a video was taken of the road conditions before so that any damage that has been done can be tracked. Commissioner Blair explained repair for the damage will be billed to the electric company and that he knows that does not fix the problem right this second but that it will be taken care of. Commissioner Wood suggested sending a letter to Evergy in regards to the smashed culverts, and that the electric company could fix it themselves and Commissioner Moody said he thinks the county should fix it themselves so they know it is done correctly and then bill the electric company for it. Mr. Martinson thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to speak and the Commissioners thanked Mr. Martinson as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Restorative Justice Authority (RJA) FY25 Grants. He explained that he is presenting these grants for Ms. Angie Hadley, Director of the Restorative Justice Authority. He stated that these are the main grant programs for RJA for the year. He explained each of the grants and the fund allocations: the FY25 Comprehensive Plan Grant, Delinquency Prevention Funds for Justice Involved Youth, Reinvestment Grant FY24-25, the Regional Collaboration Grant FY24-25, the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB/Evidence Based Program Grant FY24-25) Truancy Intervention Program and the Juvenile Crime Community Prevention for Crossover Youth (Prevention Engagement Program) FY24. Mr. Emerson explained that these grants require the Chairman's signature. Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a listing of the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board members.

On motion (24-176) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Restorative Justice Authority Grants as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned that Senate Bill 384 has been made to include the nuisance bill that has been followed by himself and Commissioner Wood, and that Senate Bill 384 passed in both the House and the Senate last night. Mr. Emerson thanked

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Representatives Chuck Smith and Kenneth Collins for their work in pushing this bill to be passed. He also thanked Senator Tim Shallenburger. Commissioner Wood thanked Mr. Emerson for everything he has done for this bill as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson mentioned a work session has been scheduled with Ryan Insurance at 9:00 AM on April 12th to discuss the quarterly report. He also mentioned Mr. Mike Bodensteiner will have a work session at 9:00 AM on April 23rd to discuss an overall ARPA report. Mr. Emerson mentioned Bukaty will have a work session at 9:00 AM on April 26th for Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance update.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned there has not been a motion to officially cancel the regular session on April 16th and that he would like a motion for this due to the KCCA Conference.

On motion (24-177) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners on April 16th, 2024 due to the Commissioners attending the KCCA Conference.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-178) of Commissioner Wood 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss land use and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:52 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (24-179) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss grading contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:04 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 12, 2024- 9:00 AM Work session with Ryan Insurance to discuss quarterly update.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 10, 2024 – Crawford County Government Day at Pittsburg State University. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

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

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

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 5, 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 Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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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 RJA 4/8/24 10:00 AM/amended BKW 4/8/24 11:00 AM](#)