

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, **FIFTY-SEVENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, August 4, 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.

Chairman 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 (23-316)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 1, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

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	311	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 25, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	312	To approve the July 2023 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 23	313	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:20 AM
Motion 23	314	To approve the purchase and the bid from Labette Bank for the financing for 2 vehicles for the Sheriff's Department

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Motion 23	315	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:32 AM
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### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

**Item One:** Opening of the Crawford County Health Department addition and remodel project bids. County Clerk Lisa Lusker opened the bids and presented them to County Counselor Jim Emerson. Mr. Emerson read the bids aloud from Tri State Building and Supply Co, Inc., Pittsburg, Kansas with a total bid of \$469,914, Home Center Construction, Inc., Pittsburg with a total bid of \$525,00 and Construction Services Group, Neosho, Missouri with a total bid of \$529,600. He stated that each bid included a bid bond and a surety bond. Commissioner Moody recommended that the bids be given to Project Manager Robert Gorentz for his review and to return with recommendations. Mr. Emerson stated that the bids will be reviewed by Mr. Gorentz, Health Department Director Debra Anthony, the architect, and himself.

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (23-317)** 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 Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Shop Foreman Josh Peak and to reconvene by 10:25 AM

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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

### NEW BUSINESS

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**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented the FY23 RJA Year-End Outcome Report Signatory Approval Form. He also presented the Outcome Report and explained that this report is required to be submitted to the State. He stated that the Outcome Report valuates all the programs. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to have RJA Director Angie Hadley address the Commissioners and speak about the programs and the clients served in these programs.

**On motion (23-318)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the FY23 RJA Year-End Outcome Report Signatory Approval Form and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody stated that he attended a meeting yesterday about the strip pit on the Arma/Frontenac road just north of Frontenac and that the work should start soon and he will keep the other Commissioners updated on progress of this project. Commissioner Wood was answered that the pit will be completely filled in and there is 39-acre lake 12 feet deep with a spillway being built southeast of the strip pit. Commissioner Moody stated that culverts will be installed across the road and the county will put the asphalt back over the culverts. He stated that he is concerned about the road with all the heavy equipment traffic and would like to get an engineer report on that road.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood discussed time sheets and stated that he would like more accountability documented on the sheets. He also discussed the status of the laptops for the GPS system.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood discussed the representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the County Health Insurance for the new year for budget purposes. Mr. Emerson will check on this.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood discussed the dust control that came in from Canada. The Commissioners discussed this product and also discussed the base stabilization product.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to have a work session after the meeting today to discuss chip and seal.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Wood discussed Jet Pack phones. Mr. Emerson explained that these are hot spots for the County Appraiser's Office for data entry when the appraisers are out in the field.

**Item Eight:** Commissioner Wood discussed inventorying the culverts. He stated that he will check with Mr. Peak on this issue.

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**Item Nine:** Commissioner Wood discussed salt purchases and asked if the salt is purchased under a contract and why salt was purchased in June. Commissioner Blair answered that the salt is purchased on a bid price per ton with delivery and possibly the reason it was purchased in June was to fill the salt shed to stock up.

**Item Ten:** Commissioner Wood addressed bonuses that are listed on the time sheets with no reasons listed for the bonuses. Mr. Emerson stated that he checked on some of these and there is justification but it should be explained on the time sheet.

**Item Eleven:** Commissioner Wood discussed the chemicals purchased by Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales and he is going to speak with him about the purchases.

**Item Twelve:** The Commissioners scheduled a work session today immediately after the Regular Session to discuss chip and seal.

**Item Thirteen:** Commissioner Blair discussed downed trees and is going to check on the status of chain saws the county has and check on pricing for new ones.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair stated that they are going to hay the old landfill next week and he is going to speak with Mr. Scales about the property.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (23-319)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss Codes Court and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 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 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:05 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: August 4, 2023** – Work Session to discuss chip and seal immediately after the Regular Session.

**Item Two: August 11, 2023 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to address ARPA update.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **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 [August 4, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:11 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken BKW 8/04/2023 11:11 AM/amended BKW 8/7/2023 9:30 AM