

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, [FIFTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, August 6, 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 Bruce Blair and Tom Moody 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 (24-343) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [August 2, 2024](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, 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	336	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 30, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	337	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and to reconvene by 11:07 AM
Motion 24	338	To approve the July 2024 Clerk's Report as presented

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Motion 24	339	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Friday, August 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Motion 24	340	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a roadway and right-of-way located in Martin Kane's 2 nd Addition to the City of Arma, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Friday, August 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Motion 24	341	To approve listing items for sale on Purple Wave
Motion 24	342	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 AM

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 THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Nate Clevenger with the Girard Warrior's Track Club addressed the Commissioners. He wanted to thank the Commissioners for their support and donation to their club as well as give them an update on the children that competed last week. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Clevenger for coming back to give them an update.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Zoning Administrator May Smith addressed the Commissioners. She presented a Planning & Zoning case. She mentioned there was a public hearing on July 18th for Mr. Patrick Crossland and Quail Hollow subdivision. Ms. Smith stated he returned to Planning & Zoning because he had some potential residents request smaller homes with smaller yards for less maintenance and wanted to propose the idea of duplexes in the subdivision. Ms. Smith presented pictures of how the duplexes would be set up. She gave some details from the public hearing on July 18th that included how many bedrooms and baths the duplex would include. Commissioner Wood asked if there will be two separate septic tanks or will the duplex share a septic tank. Ms. Smith answered these duplexes may share and utilize a larger septic tank but that she does not know at this time and Mr. Bill Towery will have to approve the waste water system. Commissioner Moody asked if anyone was present in opposition of this case and Ms. Smith answered there was no one in opposition. Commissioner Wood asked if this was going to be built on a two acre lot and Ms. Smith confirmed. Ms. Smith presented Resolution #2024-016, a Resolution to accept and grant the proposed amendment of zoning from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential for the sub-division known as Quail Hollow.

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On motion (24-344) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2024-016, a Resolution to accept and grant the proposed amendment of zoning from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential for the sub-division known as Quail Hollow.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Smith gave an update on the nuisance on Highway 160. She stated she has sent a formal letter and the individual will be in court next month for this.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Two: Ms. Becky Willard addressed the Commissioners. She stated she is present to discuss the advocates that spoke in regards to the stray pet population on Friday's meeting. She mentioned they used her family's business name and that she believes there was misrepresentation and lying involved. Ms. Willard gave details on what they have previously done for SEK Pet Advocates and stated she wanted to clear up that issue. Commissioner Blair asked what the cost is to spay/neuter dogs and cats and Ms. Willard mentioned the cost fluctuates depending on the animal and their size. Ms. Willard discussed the lack of veterinarians in the area. Commissioner Wood asked about the SEK Humane Society and Ms. Willard explains the SEK Humane Society is a separate entity.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker requested a work session with Bukaty on August 20th at 9:00 AM to discuss insurance. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a report written by Triad in regards to the Old Crawford County Landfill that is due to KDHE by the end of August. Mr. Emerson mentioned the goal is to prepare to old landfill for final closure in the next 2 to 3 years. He stated he would like to keep this moving and hopefully get some work done in the fall. Commissioner Wood asked if the county does work for Deffenbaugh, do they charge them and Mr. Emerson stated they will have to get with Deffenbaugh and see if they would like to do the work themselves or if they want the county to do their portion. Commissioner Moody asked if we could have that question answered before beginning work out there and Mr. Emerson agreed. Commissioner Wood asked what portion of the landfill is the county responsible for and Mr. Emerson pointed out the county area as well as the area that is Deffenbaugh's responsibility. Commissioner Moody confirmed the old landfill is owned by Crawford County and Mr. Emerson answered yes unlike the current landfill. Mr. Emerson mentioned they will eventually need a work session for this but he will let the Commissioners know.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair mentioned the reclaimer is going today and is currently working on the roads. Commissioner Wood asked if they will utilize it all week and Commissioner Blair gave some details on the roads they are attempting to complete.

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Item Four: Commissioner Wood mentioned he and his road foreman are going to the asphalt plant at 1:00 PM and Commissioner Moody asked for him to report back on this.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood mentioned the tree that went down over the road and he will discuss this more on Friday. He mentioned the county does not trim trees as he stated a certain utility company thinks the county should.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker wanted to remind the public that the polls are open today from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the 2024 Primary Election. Commissioner Wood asked what kind of turn out is expected and Ms. Lusker stated maybe 20% turnout but hopefully more.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the County Budget Certification to Conservation District for the Crawford County Conservation District 2025 Budget. He mentioned they are on a different timeline than the county as far as their budget. Mr. Emerson mentioned this year they requested \$45,000 for their budget which is less than last year's request. Mr. Emerson mentioned he does not see a problem with approving this proposed budget.

On motion (24-345) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the County Budget Certification to Conservation District for the Crawford County Conservation District 2025 Budget in the amount of \$45,000.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood mentioned that Shop Foreman Josh Peak is going to get things set up to be listed on Purple Wave as it was approved last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-346) 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss land use consultant and EMS 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.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (24-347) 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss emergency management and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and to reconvene by 11:17 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 11:02 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:08 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 9, 2024 – 9:00 AM Work Session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker to address the budget.

Item Two: August 13, 2024- 9:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2024 Primary Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Three: August 13, 2024- Mr. John Copyak with Shasta Power addressing solar panels.

Item Four: August 20, 2024- 9:00 AM Work session with the Bukaty Companies to discuss insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: August 13, 2024- 12:00 PM Lunch with Crawford County Mental Health, Mental Health Governing Board, Agency Directors, and Crossland Construction at Pallucca's Event Center. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance. There will be tour of the facility after lunch.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [August 6, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 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:

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 8/7/24 1:00 PM/amended BKW 8/7/24 3:00 PM](#)