

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **NINETY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 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 was seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (24-522) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 13, 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	509	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 10, 2024 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 634530 to 634788 dated December 13, 2024 in the total amount of \$586,375.58, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	510	To open the Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Streets in Friskel and Langgeger's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	511	To close the Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Streets in Friskel and Langgeger's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	512	To adopt Resolution #2024-043, a Resolution closing and vacating certain platted alleys and Catalpa street in Friskel and Langgeger's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 24	513	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss an individual employee's job performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employee. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, H.R. Partners President Kristina Dietrick, and H.R. Partners Managing Partner John Dietrick attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:37 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 24	514	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss an individual employee's job performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employee. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, H.R. Partners President Kristina Dietrick, and H.R. Partners Managing Partner John Dietrick attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:07 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 24	515	To approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of personal property owned by Gary Semonick and to request a refund in the amount of \$22.12 from the 2022 tax rolls and the amount of \$21.38 from the 2023 tax rolls authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	516	To approve the revisions and addition of questions regarding wind, solar, and zoning to the Preliminary Survey
Motion 24	517	To approve the closing of the Courthouse on both December 24th and December 25th in honor of the Christmas Holiday
Motion 24	518	To approve the closing of the Courthouse on December 31st at 10:00 A.M. for the year end audit
Motion 24	519	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice regarding an equipment contract which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:50 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 24	520	To approve ARPA funds for Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$150,000.00, Storm Sirens in the amount of \$45,000.00, the consulting contract with Greenbush in the amount of \$30,000.00, RJA Truancy Project in the amount of \$75,850.19, Sewer District 4 in the amount of \$24,102.00, and the remaining \$41,615.81 earmarked for condensers for the Courthouse
Motion 24	521	To approve the purchasing of three fuel tanks from Fleet Fuels in the total amount of \$24,562.50 from the Road and Bridge account

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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Item One: Mr. Mark Lehman addressed the Commissioners. He stated he attended the meeting today to provide the Commissioners with an update on the Conservation District. Mr. Lehman discussed the hiring of a technician and insurance details regarding this potential employee. Commissioner Moody explained even if Conservation District pays the premium on the insurance there are instances that could still cost the county additional money. Commissioner Wood asked County Clerk Lisa Lusker if she could get some details regarding the insurance from the Fiscal Office. Commissioner Blair asked when they will start interviews and Mr. Lehman answered. Commissioner Moody stated he would like to discuss with County Counselor Jim Emerson first.

Item Two: Mr. Dave Looby from Explore Crawford County addressed the Commissioners. He gave a Year-End Summary. Commissioner Wood asked if the Farm Show will be coming back in 2025 and Mr. Looby answered that yes they will be coming back. Commissioner Moody asked if they actively go out and try to bring events to Crawford County and Mr. Looby confirmed that they do. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Looby about Explore Crawford County's contract with PSU and Mr. Looby explained.

Item Three: Mr. Blake Benson from Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioners. He provided the Commissioners with a Chamber/County contract and explained the contract. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Benson if he has provided this contract to Mr. Emerson yet and Mr. Benson answered he has not. Commissioner Moody says he recommends allowing Mr. Emerson to look at this contract first.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Commissioner Wood announced they will be opening the Property, Casualty, and Work Comp bids. County Clerk Lisa Lusker opened the bid from Ryan Insurance and Commissioner Moody read it aloud. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Wally Wilson from Ryan Insurance regarding the premium and Mr. Wilson answered. Ms. Lusker read the proposed work comp from Ryan Insurance aloud. Commissioner Wood asked if there was a cap on the work comp and Mr. Wilson answered there was not. Ms. Lusker opened the bid from KWORC and read the bid aloud. Commissioner Moody stated he would recommend providing this information to Mr. Emerson before making a recommendation.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an applications for 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for Donna Pichler "Pichler's Chicken Annies", to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises and for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Mr. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, and the Township Clerk and there were no objections to the licenses.

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On motion (24-523) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: Donna Pichler “Pichler’s Chicken Annie’s”

PREMISES: 1271 S 220th St, Pittsburg, KS

(For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker presented an application for a 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pete’s of Erie Inc “Petes #01”, to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Mr. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, and the Township Clerk and there were no objections to the licenses.

On motion (24-524) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: Pete’s of Erie Inc. “Pete’s #01”

PREMISES: 1100 W Hwy 400, Mc Cune, KS 66753

(For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Ms. Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of personal property owned by John and Betty Lehman and to request a refund in the amount \$30.00 from the 2023 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained this was a clerical error and Mr. Lehman turned in a rendition 12/20/2023 stating he no longer had the 1985 Ford.

On motion (24-525) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of personal property owned by John & Betty Lehman and to request a refund in the amount of \$30.00 from the 2023 tax rolls and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Ms. Lusker stated she would like to request a work session on Friday at 9:45 AM with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood stated he and Shop Foreman Josh Peak have been working on information on the Schulte mowers. He stated he will present this information on Friday.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood mentioned he discussed with Mr. Peak about putting the card readers on the fuel tanks they are purchasing. Commissioner Blair mentioned they changed laying the concrete to tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody mentioned he talked with the seller of the dump truck they ordered two years ago. He stated he spoke with counsel and has arranged for the truck to be shipped here and that they will have the bed put on the truck somewhere else.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 20, 2024- 9:45 AM Work session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA.

Item Two: December 20, 2024- Budget hearing to amend the 2024 Budget for the County General Fund and Fire District #3.

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Item Three: December 20, 2024- Representative from City of Pittsburg present at meeting to discuss an intergovernmental agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 24 and 25, 2024- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Item Two: December 24, 2024- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners will be cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.

Item Three: December 31, 2024- The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM due to the year-end audit and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Courthouse and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will be closed all day. The Register of Deeds Office will be open until 10:00 AM but no recordings will be done due to software updates.

Item Four: December 31, 2024- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

Item Five: January 1, 2025- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the New Year Holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [December 17, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:54 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 12/18/2024 9:30 AM](#)/amended [BKW 12/19/24 8:00 AM](#)