

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2018, [EIGHTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS [Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 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 Jeff Murphy served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle was seated with the Board.

Chairman Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (18-417) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [November 30, 2018](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 18	415	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 27, 2018 minutes
Motion 18	416	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator Troy Graham and to reconvene by 11:15 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

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Item One: Ms. Tracy Harris, Community Corrections Director addressed the Community Corrections employee health insurance. Ms. Harris asked the Commissioners if they had made a decision in reference to the health insurance for the Community Corrections employees. Commissioner Murphy stated that \$48,000 is quite a significant amount and Commissioner Moody stated that amount will go up with new hires or current employees switching to family. Commissioner Wood discussed the issue with the Community Correction employees being state or county employees. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that they are considered county employees. Ms. Harris explained that the Commissioners approve the Community Corrections bill packets and payroll sheets and they are funded through state grants which the Commissioners also approve. Ms. Harris discussed the Comprehensive Plan that the Commissioners approve each year. She also explained the interlocal agreement with Cherokee and Labette County through the 11th Judicial District and stated that Crawford County is the host county. She said that the other 2 counties provide free rent and utilities and share costs in some other areas. County Clerk Don Pyle displayed a spreadsheet he created that showed the cost of 3 different levels of funding for this coverage and explained the calculations to the Commissioners. Mr. Moody stated that he really wants to help Community Corrections with this issue but his concern is the 2019 budget is already set. Mr. Moody stated that he would like to look at it in the next budget year since the budget has already been set for 2019.

Ms. Harris suggested that the county pay for the cost of the increase in the cost of coverage for this year for a single plan and the amount that an employee has to pay for the Option 3 coverage. There was a discussion of how this additional funding of \$87.92 per month for each Community Corrections employee could be paid for out of the Employee Benefits Fund. This would cost the county approximately \$6,330 for all of 2019 for these employees. The Commissioners agreed.

On motion (18-418) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve to the adjusted Community Corrections health insurance rates as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle informed the Commissioners that all state offices including the District Courts be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, December 5, 2018 for a national day of mourning for the passing of President George H. W. Bush.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson addressed the 2018 budgets that need amending. Mr. Pyle discussed some of the funds that might need amending. Mr. Emerson discussed the reason that the Tourism and Convention budget needs amending. It was discussed that all of the budgets that need to be amended will be addressed.

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Item Three: Mr. Murphy discussed a transfer to the Road and Budget Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$300,000. Mr. Wood stated there are still some bills to be paid and would like to wait until these bills are paid before transferring any funds.

Item Four: Mr. Murphy discussed painting the light poles and replacing the lights with LED lights on the courthouse lawn.

Item Five: Mr. Wood discussed demoing a few different skid loaders.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated he received the agreement on the Employee Assistance Program. He presented the contract to the Commissioners. Mr. Pyle stated that the employees all need to be educated on the new programs.

On motion (18-419) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Employee Assistance Program Client Agreement through Blue Cross and Blue Shield and authorize the County Clerk to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Wood discussed putting a headache rack on the bucket truck. The Commissioners felt that the county shop could construct and install the rack.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Jeff Murphy requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (18-420) of Commissioner Murphy 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 5 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:00 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:

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Item One: December 7, 2018 – Department Head Evaluations beginning at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: December 11, 2018 -- Department Head Evaluations beginning at 9:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [December 4, 2018](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:06 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 12/04/18 11:06 AM/amended BKW 12/5/18 11:30 AM](#)