

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, **FOURTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, February 21, 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.

Commissioner Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Carl Wood and Tom Moody (via Zoom) 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 (23-091)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 17, 2023** 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 23	80	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 10, 2023 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 619618 to 619849 dated February 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$961,272.79
Motion 23	81	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Maintenance Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:20 AM

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Motion 23	82	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:37 AM
Motion 23	83	To approve the distribution of the 2023 Intellectual Disabilities, Parks & Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding as presented by the County Clerk
Motion 23	84	To approve the Annual Summary & Review of the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan for 2022
Motion 23	85	To approve the quote from Craw-Kan for an intercom system and speakers for the Courthouse in the amount of \$4,662.00
Motion 23	86	To approve the quote from Track Star International Inc for GPS Systems in the amount of \$14,135.00
Motion 23	87	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Noxious Weed Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales and to reconvene by 11:30 AM
Motion 23	88	To approve the Noxious Weed 2023 Management Plan and the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2023 as presented by Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales
Motion 23	89	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 11:40 AM
Motion 23	90	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:11 PM

### **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 ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood followed up on his question in the previous commission meeting regarding bids on culverts. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he had not found anything out yet, but will by Friday. Commissioner Wood also asked about the status of getting physicals for new hires. Mr. Emerson answered that he has received a

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cost estimate and explained that a physical will be \$80 per visit and a specific back evaluation is \$60. Commissioner Wood stated he would like Dr. Sullivan's clinic to do all the physicals for the County.

**On motion (23-092)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to require new employees to take a pre-employment physical at the Sullivan Clinic in Frontenac.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair said that he spoke to Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards and she will get an invoice on the crack seal. Commissioner Blair stated that he wants to compile a list of people to be involved in the training of how to apply the product. Commissioner Wood asked if the county will be paying cash for the equipment.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the opioid settlement that will be paid to the county in the future. Mr. Emerson stated that Crawford County has received \$88,344.62 to date from opioid settlements. Commissioner Wood inquired as to who is entitled to the money and Mr. Emerson said the funds need to be used for opioid remediation and that he has to report to the Attorney General every year on how the money has been used. Mr. Emerson stated that he will go into more detail on the subject during Friday's meeting.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair said he spoke with Sign Foreman Dale Shireman about how many miles to stripe this year. The Commissioners all agreed to plan on the same amount that was striped last year.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (23-093)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood 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 property and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:52 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:22 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (23-094)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood 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 ARPA funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:47 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-095)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Maintenance Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:58 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 10:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:54 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-096)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under 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, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:55 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:**

**Item One: February 24, 2023 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg.

**Item Two: February 28, 2023 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley located in Block 8 in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [February 21, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:07 PM 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken LAL 02/21/2023 11:07 AM/amended BKW 2/23/2023 10:00 AM