

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners’ Journal

2023, FIFTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS’ BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, February 24, 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 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 (23-097) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 21, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week’s vouchers.

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	91	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 17, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	92	To require new employees to take a pre-employment physical at the Sullivan Clinic in Frontenac
Motion 23	93	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

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Motion 23	94	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
Motion 23	95	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
Motion 23	96	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented proposals from three area surveyor firms. The first proposal was from Agricultural Engineering Associates. The second proposal was from PEC, and the third proposal was from Cornerstone Surveying. Each proposal included a list of qualifications, employee lists with educational background and a cost sheet for their services. Commissioner Moody suggested that Mr. Emerson go over all of the proposals and make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

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: Mr. Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-098) 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 20 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Foreman Randy Chiartano and to reconvene by 10:38 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 10:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the commissioners with this month's ARPA requests. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Emerson if the county is bidding out the work that will be done within county departments with ARPA funds. Mr. Emerson is checking on this. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson to set up a meeting for him with the County Health Department. The Commission decided to approve cutting the checks, and mailing them on Tuesday if there are no problems.

On motion (23-099) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the ARPA drawdown request for February 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-004, A Resolution appointing Charles (Bob) Gilmore of 521 W Martin St, Pittsburg, KS to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to run from February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2026.

On motion (23-100) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2023-004, A Resolution appointing Charles (Bob) Gilmore of 521 W Martin St, Pittsburg, KS to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to run from February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2026.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated that Tim Mikrut has requested a 30 minute work session for next week. He is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 9:30 am.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented the commissioners with a Request for Proposal for a County auditing firm. Prospective firms have until March 16th to respond.

On motion (23-101) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to solicit for a new auditing firm for Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Six: Commissioner Moody thanked Jill Warford with EMS for attending the work session this morning, and for explaining ambulance billing. Commissioner Moody also requested an update from Commissioner Wood about CTEC. Commissioner Wood explained that he attended his first meeting since rejoining the board. He gave an update on the CDL program and overall operations of CTEC. He was pleased with how things are going.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood gave an update on some surveyor equipment that has been broken. The commissioners as a whole approved the purchase of replacement equipment. Commissioner Wood also requested a copy of a county cell phone reimbursement list.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson provided a legislative update. He stated that SB 162 (nuisance bill) did not get worked and is passed on until next year and SB 248 (sales tax bill) was amended to include eliminating both the state and local sales tax on groceries. All commissioners expressed their disappointment as the county and local municipalities will lose a lot of revenue.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the commissioners a copy of the opioid settlement agreement. Mr. Emerson recommended that the commission approve the agreement.

On motion (23-102) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the contract for the opioid settlement agreement, authorizing the Chair to sign.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated that Caterpillar will be delivering the new paver on Wednesday and training will be scheduled soon after.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood requested that county culverts need to go out for bid. Mr. Emerson stated that the county didn't get bids last year because companies refused to send a bid due to the fluctuation of prices in materials. The county is receiving bids again, with Bo's being the low bidder. There was discussion on inventory of culverts.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood stated he is setting up a meeting to discuss the military cottages with the mayor of Independence, KS. There was a discussion regarding the maintenance and funding of the project.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: February 28, 2023 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Tim Mikrut 911 Communications

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 Moody to adjourn the [February 24, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:14 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 LAL 02/24/2023](#)