

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **NINTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, February 2, 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 Tom Moody & Bruce Blair 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 (24-068)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 26, 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	61	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 26, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	62	To open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	63	To close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 24	64	To adopt Resolution #2024-001, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht’s Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	65	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county projects and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz, and to reconvene by 10:35 AM
Motion 24	66	To adopt Resolution #2024-002, a Resolution to re-appoint Bonnie Houk of 137 N Hwy 3, Girard, Kansas and Dee Hough of 204 Crestwood Lane, Pittsburg Kansas to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to run from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026
Motion 24	67	To approve a purchasing card for Crawford County Fire District #2 with a credit limit of \$2,500 through GN Bank

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

- PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**
- MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**
- PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**
- MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Commissioner Moody read a statement about Deputy Clerk Bobbi Wicker in honor of her 35 years of working with the county. The Commissioners presented her with a plaque as well.

- MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**
- MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**
- MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**
- NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the January 2024 Clerk’s Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of January. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the December 2023 to January 2024 Clerk’s Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Commissioner Wood mentioned he is going to get into contact with Mr. Tommy Scales with the Noxious Weed Department to discuss how much they typically spend on weed killer per year.

**On motion (24-069)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Wood to approve the January 2024 Clerk’s Report as presented.

**On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented 3 letters from Ms. Angie Hadley, Director of the Restorative Justice Authority. He explained that the letters are requesting approval of the reappointment of Mr. Bill Howell as a Mental Health Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with the term ending 2/9/2027, requesting the approval of the reappointment of Ms. Tresa Miller as a Court Services Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with the term ending 10/29/26 and requesting the approval of the appointment of Ms. Terri Sutton as Educational Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board effective immediately.

**On motion (24-070)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the reappointment of Mr. Bill Howell as a Mental Health Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with the term ending 2/9/2027, the reappointment of Ms. Tresa Miller as a Court Services Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with the term ending 10/29/26 and the appointment of Ms. Terri Sutton as Educational Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board effective immediately and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson mentioned that 2024 is the year to update the solid waste plan and that there is no longer a regional solid waste committee so they will only be discussing Crawford County. He stated there will be a Crawford County Solid Waste Committee meeting he believes on February 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> and that he will get back with the Commissioners when he gets clarification on this meeting date. He passed out a paper that contained the members of the committee previously and that a motion needs to be made to update whichever Commissioner wants to be involved with the Solid Waste Committee. Commissioner Blair asked how often this committee meets and Mr. Emerson answered very rarely being usually only twice a year.

**On motion (24-071)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the appointment of Commissioner Bruce Blair to the Crawford County Solid Waste Committee as the county's representation.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson presented a request for bid with Communications Director Tim Mikrut and Mr. Steve Birchmeier for the foundation work for the communications tower in Arma. He mentioned they do have plans drafted up as well. He explained that it will be advertised in the paper with the Commissioners approval and also they have some in

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county contacts they will be presenting it to. Mr. Emerson said that the bids will be opened at the open meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**On motion (24-072)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve going out for bid on the foundation work of the Communications Tower Project.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair would like to request a work session with the Road Foremen to look at and discuss the asphalt schedule. He stated that they are needing to get an order in place for projects.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair mentioned that they have previously bought two crew cabs prior to 2023 for Road and Bridge District #2 and District #3. He said that he received a call of another used one for sale at Evans Motors and he would like to look at it and then discuss with the Commissioners about the cost and details. Commissioner Blair stated that the plan would be to use it for crack sealing and similar projects. Commissioner Wood asked what the inventory on the crack seal material is and that he knows some was ordered and Commissioner Blair mentioned he knows it has come in but he does not know what all it includes or how much of the materials are there. Commissioner Blair mentioned he will find out and report back in regards to the inventory.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Wood asked about Commissioner Moody, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Jay Byer's meeting with the City of Frontenac in regards to the proposal of financial collaboration to obtain some grant proposal work done by TranSystems in hopes of increasing the chances to be awarded grant money for a project to do some work on a couple of different roads in the Pittsburg/Frontenac area. Mr. Emerson answered that the City of Frontenac will meet Monday night and the City of Pittsburg meets on Tuesday night and then there will be a decision made. Commissioner Wood explained he called Mr. Byers to confirm if they had or had not sent in an application yet and he explained that they are wanting to use TranSystems to help with the application process so that no application has been produced or submitted yet. Commissioner Wood said he thought that it was due the 18<sup>th</sup> of January and Mr. Emerson stated he believes that was a personal deadline for Mr. Byers to have things set up with TranSystems and that the grant application was not due until the end of February.

**Item Eight:** Commissioner Wood mentioned he received a call from someone who owns property by the Homer Cole Senior Citizen Building in Pittsburg because the land was being surveyed. Commissioner Wood said he personally knows the owner of this property and just wants to reiterate that it is absolutely not up for sale as well as the Homer Cole Senior Citizen Building which is owned by the county. He stated several people have called him asking what is going to be built in this property being surveyed and he explained to them they do not know but that the Homer Cole center will not be affected by this.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-073)** of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg, 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.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-074)** of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and to reconvene by 10:54 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 10:39 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:54 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

## OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson mentioned Senate Bill 162 may be set to move next Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>. He said he will be going up to Topeka Wednesday night and then will attend County Day at the Capitol and also the hearing as well. Commissioner Wood will also be in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

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

**On motion (24-075)** of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Regional Planning Commission and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:11 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 10:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: February 6, 2024** – Ms. Heather Spaur, Mental Health Executive Director addressing SDA program.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: February 8, 2024** – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM County Day at the Capitol. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [February 2, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:11 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk



**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**  
[Taken RJA 2/5/2024 3:00 PM/amended BKW 2/5/24 3:20 PM](#)