

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, TENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, February 3, 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 Tom Moody and Carl Wood 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 (23-060) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 31, 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	52	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 27, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	53	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Emergency Management Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
Motion 23	54	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Ryan L Ashmore and to

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		request a refund in the amount of \$223.82 from the 2021 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	55	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley located in Block 8 in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for February 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Motion 23	56	To take a 5-minute recess and then go directly 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 legal issues and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator May Smith and to reconvene by 11:35 AM
Motion 23	57	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 Mental Health property acquisition and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 AM
Motion 23	58	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 Mental Health property acquisition and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:50 AM
Motion 23	59	To approve the recommendations from Triad Environmental Services for the 2023 Rock Bids

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

Item One: Mr. Andrew Shulte with Polsinelli Law Firm representing NextEra Energy discussing the Wolf Creek to Blackberry 345kV Transmission Line Project. Mr. Shulte explained that the transmission line project was deemed necessary by the Southwest Power Pool, a group of representatives from 14 states that assess the area's power needs. The project has gone through several stages, including assessing the need, bidding, and approval by the Kansas Corporation Commission to begin. Mr. Shulte explained that there will be two public meetings to hear public opinion from landowners and residents regarding the route of the lines. The first meeting is in Iola, KS on March 1, 2023 and the second meeting will be in Girard at the high school on March 2, 2023 from 3 pm to 6 pm, there will be an unofficial town hall open to the public, the formal meeting will begin at 6 pm. Mr. Bobby Marr, NextEra project construction manager was introduced. Mr. Marr explained to the Commissioners how NextEra will be leaving the area as good or better than when they began the project. Commissioner Wood asked for a designated route plan, and told Mr. Marr that the county will video the roads before the work begins and after.

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Mr. Alan Claus Anderson, an attorney with Polsinelli Law Firm stated that the NextEra will be getting approval for the route plan making sure the impact to the roads used is minimal, as well as making sure the county is happy and signs off on the condition of the area after the work is completed. Commissioner Blair asked Mr. Marr how the crane will be moved from site to site and Mr. Marr explained.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti gave an update on the status of grants that the county has applied for. Mr. Brunetti stated that he is working with Terri Johnson at the Health Department on a WIC grant. Mr. Brunetti also plans on looking for funding for Narcan to help save patients during an opioid overdose. Mr. Brunetti also spoke about the BASE funding grants applied for by the county and the City of Pittsburg to widen Atkinson and Free Kings Hwy to 160 Hwy. Mr. Brunetti also applied for a grant to update our cybersecurity.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the January 2023 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 2022 to January 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners reviewed the reports.

On motion (23-061) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the January 2023 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Councilor Jim Emerson requested a 30-minute executive session at the end of the meeting with May Smith to discuss codes court.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody stated he would like to thank Matt Sanders with the Oak Grove Landfill for meeting with the Commissioners this morning to discuss trash. The meeting was productive and hopefully they can work together to remedy the situation.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood agreed and said that Mr. Sanders was very helpful and thanked him as well. Commissioner Wood stated that he has the decals for the county vehicles and will get with Josh Peak to have them installed. Commissioner Wood also requested to get 20 more GPS units. Commissioner Wood requested a 20-minute executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the purchase of these units.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker requested that the Commissioners approve the ARPA draw down requests from last week's meeting. Commissioner Blair summarized the requests.

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On motion (23-062) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the ARPA drawdown request for January 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if the road foreman have been notified on the changes of where to get the rock. Commissioner Moody stated that Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards is supposed to have informed them of the change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-063) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss county vehicles and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:29 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 11:09 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-064) 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss nuisance property and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator May Smith and to reconvene by 12:02 PM.

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 11:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:01 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 7, 2023 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Road Foreman Josh Peak to go over county vehicles.

Item Two: February 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to discuss ARPA funding.

Item Three: February 17, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker to discuss special funding requests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 7, 2023 – Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee will meet from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Pittsburg Public Utilities building.

Item Two: February 9, 2023 – Kansas Association of Counties County Day at the Capitol.

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 3, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:04 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

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 02/3/2023 4:51 PM/amended BKW 2/6/2023 8:30 AM