

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, [ELEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, February 9, 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.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was 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 (24-081)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 6, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

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

Motion 24	76	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 2, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	77	To appoint Mr. Jared Pile to the Crawford County Mental Health Governing Board
Motion 24	78	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 health department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and to reconvene by 10:44 AM

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Motion 24	79	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 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 11:18 AM
Motion 24	80	To approve the appointment of Cassie Steinbrook in representation of the SEK Recycling Center on the Solid Waste Committee

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

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Emerson announced the committee will meet on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to review the solid waste plan but specifically to discuss the five-year plan and will be held at 1506 N Walnut St in Pittsburg.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Rock Bid Recommendations from Dennis Meier with Triad Environmental Services. He explained that Mr. Meier’s recommendation for the Northwest quadrant is Midwest Minerals and the other three quadrants were awarded to Mulberry Limestone and the breakdown of the bids are located on page three of the handout. Commissioner Wood asked when this will take place and Mr. Emerson explained it will take place as soon as they adopt the recommendation which requires a motion to be made.

**On motion (24-082)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2024 Rock Bids as recommended by Dennis Meier, Triad Environmental Services.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Emerson yesterday in regards to the Franklin sewer project they had back in 2018 or 2019. Commissioner Blair explained there was a sewer line that was hit, the water line was replaced, and in that process, there was a section of fence that was removed and never replaced. Commissioner Blair said he sent someone out to look at the area of fence to provide a price of what it would cost to replace it. Commissioner Wood asked where this was and Commissioner Blair explained the area and explained the reasoning for the removal of the fence at the time.

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## OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson gave an update on County Day at the Capitol that he and Commissioner Wood attended. Mr. Emerson said it went well and that they also attended the hearing on Senate Bill 162. He said that this bill was worked and Crawford County was added into the bill, there was an approval of an agricultural exemption which allowed for more storage for grain which he said they were okay with, and then an amendment was made for oil and gas vehicles which they were also okay with. Mr. Emerson stated there was final action on this bill and it was approved. Mr. Emerson said the next goal is to move it up to be heard for voting. Commissioner Wood wanted to thank Mr. Emerson personally for everything he has done in regards to Senate Bil 162 and also Senator Tim Shallenburger as well as Capitol Strategies for working on this bill as well.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson mentioned he will be in communication with Zoning Administrator May Smith and PIO Officer Samantha Norris in regards to the public comment on the moratorium for wind farms and that he will have paperwork for the Commissioners to review at the open meeting on Tuesday, February 13. Commissioner Wood said he received a call in regards to the solar projects that he thinks may not even be located in our county.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood said he has drove some of the roads and he believes the county is getting the roads back in to shape well and fixing issues that arose after the freezing weather and snow. Commissioner Wood mentioned Road and Bridge has had an issue with their belly dump trailer but that it is currently being fixed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-083)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:29 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

### Item One: Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [February 9, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:28 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**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 RJA 2/12/2024 1:05 PM/amended BKW 2/12/24 1:10 PM](#)