

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 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 Tom Moody 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.

Vice-Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (25-007) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 03, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 25	1	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 27, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 25	2	To approve the December 2024 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 25	3	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets located in Gross Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Motion 25	4	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Emergency Management applicants protected information pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim

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		Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:22 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	5	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice regarding bidding which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:39 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	6	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice regarding an insurance claim which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:55 A.M. The motion passed 3-0

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item one: Ms. Melesia Rhodes addressed the Commissioners. She stated she spoke with people in Topeka this week regarding putting a bill in place requiring trash haulers to be tarped when coming and going from the landfill. Ms. Rhodes stated this would be representatives Ken Collins and Tim Shallenburger. She stated she will also be speaking with the representatives on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the Commissioners with the Crawford County Developmental Disability Client Numbers for December 2024. Commissioner Moody asked if all of these numbers are based out of Crawford County and Ms. Lusker replied she believes they are. Commissioner Blair asked if these numbers are similar to last year and Ms. Lusker answered yes. Commissioner Moody stated he would like to wait until Commissioner Wood is in attendance and Ms. Lusker stated she will readdress this on Friday.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he has scheduled three interviews for the Emergency Management position beginning at 8:30 on Friday, January 10th. He mentioned the Commissioners will need to come in and open the meeting at 8:30 and then go into executive session for an hour and a half to conduct these interviews.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: Communications Director Tim Mikrut requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-008) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss an individual employee's job performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employee. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:23 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:08 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Three: Commissioner Moody addressed the National Day of Mourning. Mr. Emerson explained all the locations that will be closed. Mr. Emerson stated he has not heard on local entities closing. Commissioner Moody stated he hates to close because of the weather but that he feels like it is the respectful thing and that they should do the right thing. Commissioner Moody asked Ms. Lusker to please call County Treasurer Joe Grisolano and have him come to the meeting to discuss whether closing the courthouse on Thursday will affect his office. Commissioner Blair stated he agrees with Commissioner Moody.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated he visited the Sheriff's department today and got some clarification on the project that they recently discussed. He stated it sounded like quite an ordeal but that he believes they are close to being done.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody stated the truck they purchased two years ago will be here tomorrow or the next day and another vendor will put the bed of the truck on.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Four: Commissioner Moody addressed Mr. Joe Grisolano. Mr. Grisolano stated the State is closed so that they will not be able to fix any issues that may occur with the motor vehicle system. He mentioned the Bank stated they will be open because the Federal Reserve Payment System is open. Mr. Grisolano stated it will not cause problems in his office to close and that he believes it is probably the right thing to do.

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On motion (25-009) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Courthouse on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 in observance of the National Day of Mourning.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC CONTINUED

Item Two: Mr. Wally Wilson discussed the insurance deductible and the umbrella insurance and how he could get them down a little lower. Commissioner Moody stated he would like for them to make a decision on Friday once everyone is present. Mr. Emerson asked Mr. Wilson to send him an email containing this information.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 10, 2025- 8:30 AM Executive Session to conduct interviews for the Emergency Management position.

Item Two: January 13, 2025- 9:00 AM Swearing in Ceremony for the Newly Elected County Officials with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting to follow immediately.

Item Three: January 17, 2025- Mr. Joshua Albin discussing survey distribution via zoom.

Item Four: January 21, 2025- Rock bids due by 10:00 AM.

Item Five: January 31, 2025- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Streets located in Gross' Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 9, 2025- The courthouse will be closed in observance of the National Day of Mourning for President Carter.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [January 07, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:31 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

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 RJA 1/03/2025 1:30 PM](#)