

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, January 10, 2025 at 8:30 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 and 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.

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 90 minutes to discuss Emergency Manager applicants under Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-010) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 90 minutes to discuss individual emergency management applicants pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual applicants. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and emergency management applicants attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:00 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

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 8:30AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (25-011) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

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1. Approval of the **January 7, 2025** 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 25	7	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 3, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	8	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
Motion 25	9	To close the Courthouse on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 in observance of the National Day of Mourning

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: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a copy of an email from Wally Wilson with Ryan Insurance that breaks down the added insurance costs that were discussed at the prior commission meeting. Mr. Wally Wilson spoke to the commission, explaining the different policies and associated costs with changing the policies. After some discussion between the commissioners and Mr. Wilson, Commissioner Blair proposed awarding both the liability and work comp bids to Ryan Insurance in the amount of \$579,612 including an additional \$3 million umbrella.

On motion (25-012) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the workman’s comp and liability insurance quote from Travelers Insurance for \$579,612 and adding the \$3 million umbrella policy option for an additional \$19,844.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Wilson to check on the coverage for the new dump truck that was delivered for District 2. Mr. Wilson agreed to check on that, and Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Wilson to let Pam know that he would be getting in touch regarding a new mower.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an application for a 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage License for “Chicken Mary’s Restaurant LLC”, to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises and for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Mr. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, and the Township Clerk and there were no objections to the licenses.

On motion (25-013) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair **to make it known that** the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, **the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages** in broken case lots **from the place of business as shown in the application** as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: “Chicken Mary’s Restaurant LLC”

PREMISES: 1133 E 600th Ave, Pittsburg, KS

(For consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Clerk Lisa Lusker also presented the Crawford County Developmental Disability Client Numbers list. She explained that these numbers represented the number of clients with disabilities that Crawford County providers serve. She also mentioned that the breakdown helps with allocation of money levied by the county and distribution of said funds based on the number of people serviced by each provider. Commissioner Wood stated he received a call from Mr. John Lair and that he asked him to come discuss in open meeting regarding Special Olympics. Commissioner Wood confirmed Mr. Lair will be present at the meeting next Friday.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Capitol Strategies Agreement to the Commissioners. He explained the contract and what it helps the county with. Mr. Emerson mentioned the cost is the same as last year. Commissioner Wood asked who the

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person from Capitol Strategies was that helped the county last year and Mr. Emerson answered his name is Mr. Shawn Miller.

On motion (25-014) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the contract between Capitol Strategies, LLC and Crawford County authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated he would like to set up a work session to discuss nuisances and zoning including himself, the Commissioners, and Zoning Administrator May Smith. He asked for this to be on either January 21st or January 24th. The Commissioners agreed to January 21st, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson mentioned the Commissioners will be conducting two more interviews for the Emergency Management position on January 17th, 2025 at 9:00 AM. He stated they will proceed like they did today by opening the meeting at 9:00 AM and go into an executive session to conduct the interviews.

Item Six: Commissioner Moody stated he received two calls yesterday and one the day before regarding CARDS Trash Service. He mentioned they called and cancelled their service and CARDS is still taking money from their account or threatening to send these people to collections. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Emerson what he has in mind that can be done regarding these issues and Mr. Emerson explained the only thing he can recommend is that they call Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Moody asked if they could call the County Attorney's Office and Mr. Emerson stated they can.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood presented the Commissioners with information regarding the tractor they have previously discussed. He mentioned it includes what was offered for the old tractor and he explained the information he provided. Commissioner Blair asked if there would be one claim or two claims for the tractor and mower and Commissioner Moody answered hopefully one claim for both pieces of equipment. Commissioner Wood stated he hopes the mower is insured and Commissioner Moody asked why it would not be insured.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood asked if he has been working on anything regarding bids and Mr. Emerson answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (25-015) of Commissioner Blair and second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes for legal advice regarding C&D Landfill permit 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 10:48 A.M. The motion passed 3-0.

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 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: 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 Two: January 17, 2025- 9:00 AM The open meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will begin at 9:00 AM and go into executive session to conduct interviews for the Emergency Management Position.

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

Item Four: January 17, 2025- President and CEO of Special Olympics of Kansas John Lair discussing funding.

Item Five: January 21, 2025- 9:00 AM Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith and County Counselor Jim Emerson to discuss nuisances and zoning.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 14, 2025- The regular session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled as it will take place on Monday, January 13, 2025.

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Item Two: January 22, 2025- Kansas Association of Counties Local Government Day.
All three 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 Blair to adjourn the [January 10, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:49 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 1/10/2025 12:30 PM](#)