

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, January 13, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-024) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 9, 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	15	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 6, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	16	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 23	17	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Carl Wood to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 23	18	To name Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBank, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank as the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately

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Motion 23	19	To name <i>The Morning Sun</i> as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 23	20	To approve advertising for a surveying firm to place on retainer
Motion 23	21	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:21 AM
Motion 23	22	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:53 AM
Motion 23	23	To approve a purchasing card for Commissioner Carl Wood with a \$2500 spending limit

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

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Bill Brady, Capitol Strategies LLC addressed the Commissioners via Zoom. He stated that he has been representing Crawford County for 10 years. Mr. Sean Miller and Mr. Brad Ralph from Capitol Strategies LLC introduced themselves to the Commissioners and gave some background information on themselves. Mr. Brady spoke about the legislature and addressed the retirement of Senator Hilderbrand. He also spoke about a few sales tax proposals and changes. Mr. Brady asked if there are any specific issues that need to be talked about and Mr. Emerson addressed a nuisance bill that Crawford County would like to be included in and how the county would like to be able to handle nuisances. Commissioner Wood addressed Sedgewick County's nuisance bill and also spoke about the food sales tax proposal and the back-to-school sales tax proposal (Sales Tax Holiday). Mr. Miller explained the food sales tax proposals and how it should not hurt the state revenues. Commissioner Wood discussed assessed values of properties and any upcoming increase in assessed values. Commissioner Wood spoke about Next-gen 911 and narrow banding for radios for emergency workers. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brady, Mr. Miller and Mr. Ralph for their presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on vacating a platted alley in Shafer's First Addition to the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-025) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on vacating a platted alley in Shafer's First Addition to the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Chairman Blair asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak either in favor of or against vacating the alley and there was no one present that wished to speak on the matter.

On motion (23-026) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on vacating a platted alley in Shafer's First Addition to the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-002, A Resolution Vacating a Platted Alley in Shafer's First Addition to the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas. He presented a map of the area and explained where the alley is located. He stated that all the landowners approved of the vacation.

On motion (23-027) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2023-002, A Resolution Vacating a Platted Alley in Shafer's First Addition to the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Two: Mr. Wally Wilson, Ryan Insurance addressed the Commissioners in reference to the insurance proposal. He handed out the proposal to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Wood discussed the insurance on lights and poles. Ms. Pam Mendicki from Ryan Insurance answered Commissioner Wood's questions. Mr. Wilson went through the proposal and explained the blanket coverage and some of the deductibles. There was a discussion on liability coverage and business auto insurance. Mr. Wilson explained that vehicles 2004 and older carry liability only insurance and 2005 and new carry full coverage insurance with a few exceptions. He also discussed the equipment floater and linebacker coverage. Mr. Wilson discussed the Work Comp insurance and the MOD. He went through the premiums, the increases involved and some of the reasons for the increases.

On motion (23-028) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2023-2024 Insurance Proposal from Ryan Insurance.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (23-029) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The open session reconvened at 11:15 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$7,453.00. He explained that this is for the months of October, November and December 2022. He explained that Crawford County is a pass-through agent.

On motion (23-030) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$7,453.00 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 Two: Mr. Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG-CV X) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$485.00. He explained that this is a smaller grant that came from COVID and is for the months of October, November and December 2022.

On motion (23-031) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG-CV X) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$485.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that the State will be having a ESG informational meeting on January 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM and since the meeting is taking place during a Commission Meeting, he has requested that Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan take part in this meeting.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented an ARPA small child care draw down request. He explained that this is for 45 entities at \$2,000 apiece for a total draw down of \$90,000. He stated that this is the first round for the small child care facilities. He explained how the funds will be distributed.

On motion (23-032) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve ARPA small child care draw down request in the amount of \$90,000.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-033) 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 the Restorative Justice Authority under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Ms. Angie Hadley and Ms. Heidi Moody and to reconvene by 11:53 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:47 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-034) 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

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Relationship to discuss property and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:18 PM.

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 11:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:18 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Five: Commissioner Moody discussed the landfill and Mr. Emerson stated that he has a scheduled a work session with Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill on January 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Emerson stated that he has also spoke to the Sheriff and he will have the deputies step up patrolling that area.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood discussed the work session with Freeman Health Systems about occupational health and also discussed drug testing.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed the time clocks and he is going to look at the system at the Sheriff's department with the IT Department and Ms. Ryan. He requested that Mr. Emerson set up a meeting at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Item Eight: Mr. Wood discussed the NextEra Energy open house about the Wolf Creek to Blackberry 345kV Transmission Line Project meeting he attended on Tuesday. He spoke about some items that was discussed in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with information on Kansas Association of Counties 2023 Local Government Day on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 1:00 PM to & 7:00 PM in Topeka. He said he will make the arrangements if any of the Commissioners would like to attend. Commissioner Wood stated that he will be attending the conference.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed the Highway 69 Association and stated that he received information from the Chairman Mr. Kevin Mitchelson and the county owes dues for 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$2,000 per year. He informed the Commissioners that there is an annual meeting being planned in mid-February.

On motion (23-035) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve payment to the Highway 69 Association for 2022 and 2023 dues in the amount of \$2,000 per year.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson informed the Commissioners that there will be a Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the conference room at the Pittsburg Public Utilities building.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody stated that on January 24, 2023 he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center meeting.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed barricades used in case of a disaster and he stated that he has asked that Sign Foreman Dale Shireman to get prices on purchasing barricades.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 20, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Freeman Health Systems discussing occupational health.

Item Two: January 24, 2023 – 9:30 AM Work Session with County Attorney Reina Probert.

Item Three: January 27, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill.

Item Four: January 27, 2023 – Opening of Rock Bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 16, 2023 – The Courthouse is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Item Two: January 16, 2023 – Knights of Columbus chili feed at 6:00 PM. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Two: January 25, 2023 – Kansas Association of Counties' 2023 Local Government Day from 1:00 PM to & 7:00 in Topeka. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [January 13, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:31 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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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 BKW 01/13/23 12:31 PM/amended BKW 1/15/2022 1:30 PM](#)