

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Monday, January 13, 2025 immediately following Swearing-In Ceremony**

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.

Mr. Tom Moody, Ms. Lisa Lusker, Ms. Sandy Casey, Mr. Billy Tomasi, and Ms. Reina Probert have been duly administered the Oath of Office at 9:00 AM this day by the Honorable Jennifer Brunetti, District Court Judge for the 11th Judicial District. The oaths of office have been signed by each of the newly elected officials and by Judge Brunetti and filed in the office of the County Clerk.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (25-016) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 10, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	10	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
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		County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and emergency management applicants attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:00 AM
Motion 25	11	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 07, 2025 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.
Motion 25	12	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.
Motion 25	13	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: Chicken Mary's Restaurant PREMISES: 1133 E 600th Ave, Pittsburg Kansas 66762 (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 25	14	To approve the contract between Capitol Strategies, LLC and Crawford County authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 25	15	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

REORGANIZATION

The time having arrived, pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 19, to reorganize the Board of Crawford County Commissioners, the Board took the following action to fulfill their statutory obligations:

Item One: Election of the Chairman.

County Counselor Jim Emerson explained the reorganizational procedure that takes place in January of each year.

On motion (25-017) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Wood passed the gavel to Commissioner Moody.

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Commissioner Moody assumed the duties of the presiding officer.

Item Two: Election of the Vice Chairman

On motion (25-018) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the nomination of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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: Mr. Colin Holthaus from KWORC addressed the Commissioners. He asked if the Commissioners had approved the bid from Travelers Insurance through Ryan Insurance and Commissioner Moody confirmed and gave a brief statement on why and that he does encourage KWORC to bid again next year. Commissioner Blair stated he had also hoped KCAMP would give them a bid and they did not. Mr. Holthaus thanked the Commissioners for their feedback. He gave some parting details to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wood discussed safety programs with Mr. Holthaus. Mr. Holthaus gave the positives of bidding with KWORC and Commissioner Blair asked about KCAMP not bidding.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: The time having arrived to name the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County, the following were recommended as the current working banks of the county: Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBANK, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank. Mr. Emerson explained the working banks for the county.

On motion (25-019) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Wood, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: The time having arrived to name the official newspaper publication of Crawford County and the following was recommended as the current official newspaper of the county: *The Morning Sun*.

On motion (25-020) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to name *The Morning Sun* as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Wood, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution 2025-001, a Resolution appointing an emergency management point of contact for Crawford County, Kansas. Mr. Emerson explained this resolution and why it is necessary. Commissioner Blair confirmed this is just until they hire someone for Emergency Management and Mr. Emerson confirmed. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Emerson assumed the point of contact previously and he stated he believes he did. Commissioner Wood stated he nominates Mr. Emerson.

On motion (25-021) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve Resolution #2025-001, a Resolution appointing an emergency management point of contact for Crawford County, Kansas, and appointing County Counselor Jim Emerson as point of contact until an Emergency Management Coordinator is hired.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood stated he spoke with Foreman Josh Peak last Friday regarding the tractors. He stated they also discussed a lithium jump start kit that they have but that it needs a battery. Commissioner Wood explained the jump start kit. Commissioner Wood told the Commissioners it could be purchased from NAPA. Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Moody agreed it would be good to have this kit.

On motion (25-022) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the purchasing of a Lithium Jump Start Kit in the amount of \$1,475.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Five: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson about when they can discuss hiring the company out of Wichita for the tax sales. Mr. Emerson stated he will gather an update for the Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated he would like to have a discussion about raises and that the pay period ends on the 20th. He stated the Fiscal Office would like to know by then or sooner. Mr. Emerson explained why it is important to get this decision made as soon as possible. Commissioner Wood asked if they could have this discussion on Friday. County Clerk Lisa Lusker asked if the Commissioners would have this discussion in a work session or if they would just have the discussion during the regular session. Mr. Emerson stated that they could recess the regular session to go in to a work session and then resume regular session. Mr. Emerson stated they will run through the regular session, recess and have their work session, and then resume to regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (25-023) of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice regarding purchasing policy 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 9:56 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 9:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 9:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

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

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

Item Five: January 21, 2025- Rock bids due by 10:00 AM and will be opened during the regular session.

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.

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 Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [January 13, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 9:58 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 1/14/2025 1:00 PM](#)