

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2017, [SIXTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS [Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 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.

Commissioners Jeff Murphy and Tom Moody were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (17-033)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [January 20, 2017](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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 17	22	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 17, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	23	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Sheriff Dan Peak
Motion 17	24	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator Troy Graham

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Motion 17	25	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,400.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	26	To approve the Memorandum of Understanding 2017 Extension between The Crawford County Attorney's Office, The Board of Crawford County Commissioners, The City of Pittsburg, Kansas and the Pittsburg Police Department and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	27	To approve the transfer of \$33,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund
Motion 17	28	To approve the prior transfer of \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund done on January 13, 2017
Motion 17	29	To approve a 25 cent per hour pay raise for County Employees beginning with the pay period that begins on January, 23, 2017
Motion 17	30	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 17	31	To rescind Motion 17-029
Motion 17	32	To approve a 25 cent per hour pay raise for all County Employees to start with the paychecks payable on January 31, 2017

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS  
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS  
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Mr. Mike Davis, Miami County Chief Building Inspector and Mr. Troy Graham, Crawford County Zoning Administrator addressed the Commission in reference to Codes Court. Mr. Graham introduced Mr. Davis to the Commissioners and stated that Mr. Davis is here to answer any questions regarding a Public Nuisance Codes Court. Mr. Davis stated that state laws have changed since Miami County started their Codes Court approximately 10 years ago. He explained the process to adopt a Codes Court and some of the statutes that are involved. He stated that it is important to codify all resolutions on public nuisances and this keeps the process organized. Mr. Davis spoke about the budget and that Miami County has a budget of around \$2,000 or \$3,000 for Codes Court and that the expenses are minimal. He said that the Codes Court judge that is appointed has to be approved by the District Court Judges. Mr. Davis explained that the Codes Court operates under the same rules as district court and explained the process. He answered all the questions the Commissioners had and stated that he will help in any way when Crawford County decides to adopt a Codes Court. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Davis for coming and giving his presentation.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Murphy stated that he attended a Fair Board meeting and he reported on the changes to the fairgrounds that the fair board approved. He requested Mr. Pyle display a map of the fairgrounds and buildings. He stated that the board approved demolishing the old building that Angels Among Us uses during the fair and that it will

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be replaced with a new building. He stated that the board also approved installing a new bathroom and shower with heat and air conditioning. Mr. Murphy pointed out the location of the new bathroom on the map. The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Bill Towery, County Sanitarian about the current septic system and sewage lines and Mr. Towery recommended a storage tank that can be pumped out instead of a lagoon and that a septic tank cannot be used because of the flood zone. Mr. Murphy stated that the board plans to eliminate two of the current restrooms. He discussed what the Fair Board would like the County to assist with. Mr. Wood discussed the plan to tear down the horse barn tomorrow. The Commissioners felt the changes were positive as part of the plan to use this facility for more than just the fair and to have other activities take place in the fairgrounds. Mr. Murphy stated that the next Fair Board meeting will be February 9, 2017 at 7:30 at the Extension Office in Girard and he would like Mr. Towery and May Smith to attend.

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Donald Pyle, County Clerk presented the 2017 Special Parks and Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol requests to the Commissioners. Mr. Pyle explained the Special Alcohol fund and that it is distributed each year by a resolution done in 1993. The Commissioners discussed the current resolution on Special Alcohol and that it states that \$5,197 must be given to Safehouse Crisis Center and whatever funds are left are to be distributed to Mental Health. The Commissioners discussed adopting a new resolution to make the division of the Special Alcohol funds more even between the two organizations. Mr. Murphy suggested talking to Safehouse before any changes are made. Mr. Pyle will get a copy of Resolution #93-118 for the Commissioners and Mr. Emerson to review. Mr. Pyle stated that Historical requests are a little more than what is budgeted and the Commissioners normally award the amounts based on history. Mr. Murphy was answered that the Historical Funds are different funds than the grant that was given out a few months ago.

**Item Two:** Mr. Jim Emerson, County Counselor presenting Resolution #2017-001, A Resolution Amending the Crawford County Employee Policy Manual. Mr. Emerson explained the changes and a discussion was held on including some changes to the vacation policy.

**On motion (17-034)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2017-001, A Resolution Amending the Crawford County Employee Policy Manual.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Three:** Mr. Wood asked about the secretary for the Assistant County Attorney housed at the Pittsburg Police Department and Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Gayoso is checking on this issue.

**Item Four:** Mr. Wood stated that there will be a safety meeting held at the end of February for the Road and Bridge Employees. He said that and a member of Live Well will give a 30 minutes presentation and Jim Emerson will explain the changes in the employee policy manual at the meeting. Mr. Wood felt that the entire meeting would last approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours. He stated that Mr. Dale Shireman will talk about blind spots while driving. Mr. Murphy stated that he felt that safe lifting techniques would be beneficial to the employees. Mr. Wood will work with EMC in getting some safety presentations for all employees.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Moody asked about the dump truck bids and a report from Greg Hite. Mr. Murphy stated that Mr. Hite is still reviewing the bids and Mr. Murphy will ask him to come to the meeting Friday with his recommendations.

**Item Two:** Mr. Wood spoke about a lowboy trailer on Purple Wave.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (17-035)** of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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**Item One: January 25, 2017, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** – Local Government Day at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. All 3 Commissioners may be in attendance.

Mr. Moody stated that he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center Board of Directors Meeting tonight.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [January 24, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:58 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**  
[Taken BKW 1/24/17 11:58 AM/amended BKW 1/26/17 2:30 PM](#)