

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, January 27, 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 (17-036) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy
that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the January 24, 2017 minutes of the Board of County
Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion Number, Number, and Description. Rows include Motion 17 (33) regarding consent agenda approval, Motion 17 (34) regarding Resolution #2017-001, and Motion 17 (35) regarding a recess and executive session.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

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### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Mr. Jason VanBecelaere, Emergency Management Director discussed tower maintenance. He also stated that Beachner Construction contacted him and stated that they will be starting work on the sidewalks in front of the Emergency Management building in a few weeks and will need the old gas sign by the building removed. Mr. VanBecelaere and the Commissioners decided to remove the sign and post and contact Crawford County Historical Society to see if they were interested in having the sign.

Mr. Wood stated that he purchased a new hydraulic pump from Federal Surplus for \$900. He discussed supplies & equipment he had seen at the Federal Surplus and what the county could use. Mr. Pyle stated that Mr. Hite could use the election trailer to bring back the supplies and equipment purchased.

Mr. VanBecelaere discussed training sessions for the Emergency Management Department.

**Item Two:** Mr. Greg Hite addressed the Commissioners in reference to dump truck bid recommendations. Mr. Hite stated that he has looked over the bids and has recommendations but needs to make a spreadsheet for the Commissioners to review. The Commissioners looked over Mr. Hite's handwritten recommendations. Mr. Moody stated that he had received a call from one of the bidding vendors to see if a decision has been made. Mr. Hite explained his recommendations. The Commissioners and Mr. Hite discussed the bids. He will create a spreadsheet and bring it back to the Commissioners.

**Item Three:** Mr. Hite discussed the purchase of a semi-tractor. The Commissioners discussed 2 used semi's that Mr. Hite has inspected. They also talked about how many semis's the County needs at this time. Mr. Hite spoke about a 1999 Semi with high mileage that he is test driving.

Mr. Hite also talked about the repairs on the dump truck for Mr. Moody's district and the status of the repairs. The Commissioners discussed the sign department truck and the condition of the truck and the transmission problems. A discussion was held on purchasing a used truck for the Sign Department.

**Item Four:** Mr. Hite discussed putting up a security fence at the barn on Antelope Street. Mr. Hite presented the Commissioners with a picture of the area that shows where he would like to install the fence. Mr. Murphy stated he would like the whole area fenced and asked if the work can be done in house. The Commissioners asked Mr. Emerson to contact the adjacent landowners before the fence is started. Mr. Hite also stated that the mechanics will go to a 2 day class at Caterpillar in Topeka.

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

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**Item One:** Mr. Chris Weiner, Girard City Administrator addressed the Commissioners about the City of Girard purchasing rock from the County. He stated that he has looked at the County's rock bids and the price is substantially lower than the price for the City of Girard. The Commissioners do not want to make a decision on this until the vendor has been contacted and Mr. Emerson is still working on contacting the vendor.

The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Weiner regarding the City of Girard removing and grinding down a stump in the fairgrounds. Mr. Murphy informed Mr. Weiner of the improvements the Fair Board is planning at the Fairgrounds. A discussion was held on connecting the fairgrounds to the City sewer and Mr. Weiner stated that the City has been discussing hooking the Girard Golf Course to the City sewer.

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

**Item One:** Mr. Moody stated he was contacted by the pastor of a local church on the bypass and the pastor would like the County to put in a culvert and whistle in at no charge. Mr. Moody stated that the Church has received a donation of rock needed for this project. Mr. Murphy stated that he is not in favor of the County doing this at no charge as there are a lot of nonprofit organizations that need this kind of assistance. Mr. Wood discussed the church paying for material and the County providing the labor at no cost.

**Item Two:** Mr. Wood discussed the truck for the Project Manager. He stated that the vehicle currently used is in very poor shape. The Commissioners discussed funding for a new/used truck for this department.

**Item Three:** The Commissioners discussed the City/County Luncheon. It was discussed that this would be held at the Pittsburg Fire Station on west Fourth Street but that a date is not yet set for this event.

**Item Four:** Mr. Wood stated that the Safety Meeting for the Road & Bridge Department has been scheduled for February 22, 2017 at the Homer Cole building in Pittsburg at 8:00 AM. He said that along with the safety meeting, there will be a Live Well presentation and Mr. Emerson will give a presentation on Employee Policy Handbook changes.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items involving Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (17-037)** 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 involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Greg Hite.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:02 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle reviewed the 2017 Parks and Recreation Fund requests with the Commissioner and stated that this fund is divided evenly between all organizations.

**On motion (17-038)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the distribution of the 2017 Special Parks & Recreation Fund as presented with the requirement that BPOE Lodge provide proof that they are still in operation.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle reviewed the 2017 Elderly Fund requests with the Commissioners.

**On motion (17-039)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the distribution of the 2017 Elderly Fund based on the 2016 Award Amounts with the requirement that BPOE Lodge provide proof that they are still in operation.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle reviewed the 2017 Historical fund requests with the Commissioners.

**On motion (17-040)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the distribution of 2017 Historical Fund based on the 2016 Award Amounts.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Pyle reviewed the Special Alcohol Fund requests with the Commissioners and discussed Resolution #93-118 which states that \$5,197 of these funds must go to the Safehouse each year. They also discussed the need to divide these Special Alcohol Funds more evenly and Mr. Emerson will work on a new resolution. The Commissioners decided to wait for a new resolution before any decisions were made on this fund.

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**Item Five:** Mr. Emerson stated that the Risk Management Fund is short and a transfer into this fund is needed. Mr. Emerson explained that there are claims and administrative fees that are due. Mr. Pyle stated that he will get a year-end report from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the Commissioners to review and also a monthly report for January broken down by County employees and Mental Health employees. The Commissioners decided they would like Cristy Mitchell from Blue Cross and Blue Shield to attend the meeting Friday to answer any questions. Mr. Murphy stated that he would also like a representative from Gallagher Group to attend Friday. The Commissioners and Mr. Pyle discussed the insurance claims and coverage for retirees.

**On motion (17-041)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the transfer of \$115,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: January 31, 2017 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to sign January 2017 bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: January 31, 2017 –** Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director presenting the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Report.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 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 27, 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 1/27/17 1:06 PM/amended BKW 1/30/17 3:15 PM**