

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, January 5, 2024 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan, County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (24-004) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 2, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

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 24	1	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 26, 2023 minutes
Motion 24	2	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:26 AM

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Motion 24	3	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:47 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Trifecta Ranch and to request a refund in the amount of \$1,537.92 from the 2022 tax rolls. Ms. Ryan explained that the trailer should have been classified as farm exempt.

On motion (24-005) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Trifecta Ranch and to request a refund in the amount of \$1,537.92 from the 2022 tax rolls 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: Ms. Ryan presented the December 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of December. Ms. Ryan also gave the Commissioners a copy of the November 2023 to December 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison.

On motion (24-006) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Moody to approve the December 2023 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Commissioners with a document from Ms. Tracy Harris with Community Corrections. He explained that this is their 2023 Carry Over Reimbursement Plan that was approved about a month ago.

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Community Corrections recognized that the formula was incorrect and there was an error in the math. This amount was previously approved at around \$46,000 but the correct total is \$40,284.36. Commissioner Wood asked if any of this money is taxpayer money and Mr. Emerson explained that this is state funded but also a lot of these funds are collected by them internally.

On motion (24-007) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections FY24 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary and Signatory Approval in the amount of \$40,284.36 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a State & Municipal Lease/Purchase Agreement between Clayton Holdings LLC & Crawford County, Kansas. He explained that the agreement is for 4 ambulances for the EMS Department in the amount of \$725,439.00 for 48 months at 4.7% interest. Mr. Emerson mentioned payments begin this month on the 8th of January, 2024 and the monthly amount being paid will be \$16,588.06. Commissioner Wood asked if this lease/purchase is allowed to be paid off early and Mr. Emerson confirmed the lease/purchase can be paid off early as long as the funds are in their budget

On motion (24-008) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Wood to approve the State & Municipal Lease/Purchase Agreement between Clayton Holdings LLC & Crawford County, Kansas for 4 ambulances for the EMS Department in the amount of \$725,439.00 for 48 months at 4.7% interest and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair stated he visited the National Institute of Materials Advancement building since they have had a lot of discussion in regards to the SEK Recycling Center. He mentioned to Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Moody that if they have time, he highly recommends they set up a meeting to go their as well and to talk with Executive Director Tim Dawsey. Commissioner Blair mentioned Mr. Dawsey has a very detailed plan for the advancements with the SEK Recycling Center. He mentioned they have quite a bit of grant money to be used towards recycling as well as other things. Commissioner Wood asked how that would pertain to providing the SEK Recycling Center with what they have asked for over a five-year period and if there will be enough volume to carry out their plan. Commissioner Blair stated that he believes it will be a regional effort and that he does not believe the end game plan could be carried out just by Crawford County. Commissioner Wood asked if they should have a meeting with Mr. Dawsey and then have a meeting with SEK Recycling Center and

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Commissioner Blair said he thinks it would be good. Commissioner Blair mentions he thinks it will be good for the County but also for the students at Pittsburg State University. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if he could get a meeting set up for them at the National Institute of Materials Advancement.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson handed out some information to the Commissioners in regards to the previous fire that took place at the landfill. Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins was able to get in to contact with KDHE and obtain this information for the Commissioners. He mentioned there has been some work done to prevent or limit risk of fires within the landfill again.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody stated that he would like Zoning Administrator May Smith to give the Commissioners and update at the next meeting on January 9th. He mentioned she was waiting to get approval to begin clean up on the property located on the Franklin Bypass and he mentioned he has his Road and Bridge crew ready to work on the project but is waiting for the final approval from her. Commissioner Blair asked Mr. Emerson in regards to the Franklin property if Evergy and the water district were notified and he confirmed that they were.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-009) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss lobbying contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

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 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 20 minutes to Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-010) 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 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:54 AM.

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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 10:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (24-011) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss courthouse bills and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:56 AM.

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 10:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 9, 2024 – Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting.

Item Two: January 12, 2024 – Mr. Don Brown, RenoDry USA addressing Courthouse basement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [January 5, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:59 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

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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 RJA 1/8/2024 2:30 AM/amended BKW 1/8/2024 2:50 PM