

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, **SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, January 6, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Jeff Murphy and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle was seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (17-007) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 3, 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:

Motion 17	001	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 30, 2016 minutes
Motion 17	002	To approve the December 2016 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 17	003	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by Ryan & Kylie Edgecomb and to request a refund in the amount of \$29.04 from the 2014 tax rolls and the amount of \$29.58 from the 2015 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 17	004	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 17	005	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, County Appraiser John Macary and Assistant Appraiser Zach Edwards
Motion 17	006	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 County Clerk Don Pyle

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Bill Brady, Capitol Strategies and Local Legislators discussing upcoming 2017 Legislative Session. State Senator Jake Laturner discussed the large deficit that the state will have to deal with this year and other items that can affect that. Crawford County Mental Health Director asked about funding for mental health programs and the possibility of having more beds opened at the state level for those who need that care. There was a discussion of highway funding and the effect on the Highway 69 project.

State Representative Elect Monica Murnan discussed the plan that has been developed to securitize the tobacco settlement payments to the state so that several years of money can be used now to help shore up state funding. Ms. Murnan felt that this was a poor plan since it could divert those funds away from the early childhood programs that they have been designated for. She also discussed other aspects of the upcoming legislative session such as Medicaid expansion, tax policy reform and other issues.

State Representative Adam Lusker stated that the current tax policy that was adopted in 2012 is not working and needs to be changed. Mr. Lusker stated that an idea has been floated to increase the tax on fuels which would adversely affect those sales in border areas. There was also a discussion of other issues that will surface in this session. Mr. Lusker discussed a bill that would change current laws so that an investor would reopen the Camptown Track facility as well as the tracks in Wyandotte and Sedgwick counties. He felt that this would be a good economic development tool.

Commissioner Murphy discussed the way that agricultural property is taxed and that it will continue to increase even though ag prices are down. It was discussed that this is something that probably cannot be changed. Mr. Murphy also stated that they would like to have the law changed so that counties can place special assessments on properties for expenses of cleaning up nuisance violations. The legislators felt that they could help on this issue.

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Mr. Bill Brady of Capitol Strategies discussed the upcoming legislative session and gave the Commissioners a report showing some of the financial highlights for the state over the last several years. Mr. Brady stated that he will research some of the issues that had been discussed and he will report to the Commissioners on a regular basis during the session. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brady and the local legislators for attending.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Murphy regarding the balance in the Risk Management fund. There was a discussion of the loss of the Mental Health employees and that their claims in December of 2016 will continue to be paid during January. The Commissioners felt that this needs to be monitored closely. County Clerk Don Pyle gave the Commissioners a copy of a worksheet that showed some balances that would be available to transfer into Risk Management if needed. Mr. Pyle also stated that they would get a Claims Analysis Report for 2016 from Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood regarding an equipment list that detailed items that need to be addressed. Commissioner Murphy would like to talk to Greg Hite about it. The Commissioners talked about some equipment issues with the cold weather.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Item One: Commissioner Murphy requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (17-008) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood 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, Dr. Tim Stebbins and Randy Sandberg.

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 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: January 9, 2017 – Swearing in Ceremony for the Newly Elected County Officials with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting to follow immediately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 10, 2017 – There will no Board of County Commission meeting due to the Reorganization Meeting being held on January 9, 2017.

Item Two: January 11, 2017 –Live Well Crawford County will have their Annual Meeting and Social at Memorial Auditorium from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

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 6, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
[Taken GRG 1/06/17 11:50 AM/amended DPP 1/9/17 9:00 AM](#)