

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, January 9, 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.

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 (24-012)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 5, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	4	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 2, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	5	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
Motion 24	6	To approve the December 2023 Clerk's Report as presented

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Motion 24	7	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
Motion 24	8	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
Motion 24	9	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
Motion 24	10	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
Motion 24	11	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

### 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.**

**On motion (24-013)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the nomination of Commissioner Carl Wood to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Commissioner Blair passed the gavel to Commissioner Wood.**

**Commissioner Wood assumed the duties of the presiding officer.**

#### **Item Two: Election of the Vice Chairman**

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**On motion (24-014)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

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  
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:** 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.

**On motion (24-015)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**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 (24-016)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to name *The Morning Sun* as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Three:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ronald & Dora Ware and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 1986 GMC was tagged as a 12,000 weight through motor vehicle in 2015 and therefore was double assessed.

Ms. Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ronald L Morey and to request a refund in the amount of \$12.60 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$12.00 from the 2022 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 1979 Chevy was tagged as non-heavy through motor vehicle in 2017 and therefore double assessed.

Ms. Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Merhle Reynolds and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 2001 Chevy was tagged as a 12.000 weight through motor vehicle in 2017 and therefore was double assessed.

Ms. Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Merhle Reynolds and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 1992 Ford was tagged as a 12,000 weight through motor vehicle in 2017 and therefore was double assessed.

**On motion (24-017)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ronald & Dora Ware and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ronald L Morey and to request a refund in the amount of \$12.60 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$12.00 from the 2022 tax rolls, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Merhle Reynolds and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls and correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Merhle Reynolds and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 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.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 20 minutes to Non-Elected Personnel.

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**On motion (24-018)** 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 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Appraiser's Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:28 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 10:09 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **NEW BUSINESS continued**

**Item Four:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he had a request for a work session on Friday, January 12, 2023 at 9:30 AM with Ryan Insurance to provide a revised quote and some umbrella policies that they were asked to look in to. The Commissioner agreed.

**Item Five:** Mr. Emerson mentioned that every two years they are required to inspect the bridges in the county and this includes 168 Off-System bridges and 69 R.S. System bridges. He mentioned in the past for several years they have used Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineers to do these inspections and that they gave a price of \$94/bridge making the total cost of the project \$22,278.00. Mr. Emerson also gave a comparison to the cost of inspection in 2022 which was a total of \$21,804.00 and they agreed this is a relatively minimal increase in pricing. Commissioner Wood asked if when they get into district 3 for inspection if a Road Foreman can accompany them and it was agreed that would be allowed.

**On motion (24-019)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the contract with Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineering, P.A. for the 2024 bridge inspections in the amount of \$22,278.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood asked the other Commissioners if they had received any calls in regards to road conditions. Commissioner Moody stated the North end of the county seemed to have worse conditions than the South end but that their Road and Bridge district did spend time spreading salt on to the roads.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (24-020)** 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 to discuss lobbyist contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 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 10:29 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-021)** 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:51 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 10:36 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:43 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (24-022)** 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss legal matters and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:04 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:44 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

**Item Six:** County Counselor Jim Emerson proposed a contract between Crawford County and Capitol Strategies, LLC. He stated they have been the lobbyist for the County previously and that he thinks it is beneficial to the County to continue with the services that this company provides. He explained that the total amount for these services for the year is \$15,000.00.

**On motion (24-023)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the lobbyist contract between Crawford County and Capitol Strategies, LLC for the 2024 Legislative Session in the total amount of \$15,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

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

**Item Two: January 12, 2024 – 9:30 AM** Work session with Ryan Insurance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: January 15, 2024** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [January 9, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:05 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken RJA 1/11/2024 10:30 AM/amended BKW 1/11/24 11:15 AM