

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, FIFTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Friday, July 12, 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Tom Moody were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker 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 (24-314)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 9, 2024 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

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	308	To adopt Resolution #2024-012, a Resolution to accept and gran the proposed development to be known as "Wilbertville" and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Rural Residential (one lot) to Single Family Residential (four lots) for the proposed development
Motion 24	309	To approve Resolution #2024-013, a Resolution to amend, change or modify the existing use on the property described herein and to request a conditional land use to allow for an existing structure on the property

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		to be used as a retail shop to be known as “Bathhouse Trading Company”
Motion 24	310	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 2, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	311	To approve the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation 2024 Emergency Solutions grant funds for Safehouse Crisis Center for an additional award in the amount of \$22,966.00
Motion 24	312	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 EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:08 AM
Motion 24	313	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures if the discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect specific systems, facilities or equipment and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:24 AM

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

**PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Health Department Director Debra Anthony requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-315)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:20 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:20 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,975.00. He mentioned this finished their grant for fiscal year 2023 and covers the months of April, May, and June. Mr. Emerson also discussed some additional details of this grant.

**On motion (24-316)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,975.00 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:** Mr. Emerson stated SEK Recycling Center will be attending the meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> to speak with the Commissioners. He also stated he had a request from Ryan Insurance for a work session for their quarterly review. He mentioned they would like August 2<sup>nd</sup> or August 6<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Emerson stated that he is going to schedule them for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Mr. Emerson stated the last scheduling item he has is for SEKCAP and that they will be attending the meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss with the Commissioners the childcare project.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody mentioned the 69 Highway meeting. Mr. Emerson gave the Commissioners a handout and discussed the meeting that took place this week. Mr. Emerson stated he wanted to give a reminder of the meeting dates again so that the public can attend and give feedback to KDOT. Mr. Emerson announced the upcoming meetings on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pittsburg High School from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Palluccas Event Hall from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Northeast High School from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and virtually on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody discussed it was reported to him that a CARDS trash truck coming off of Highway 160 heading south damaged the road. He stated it was on Highway 160 on to 230<sup>th</sup>, and then down to the road leading to the industrial park. Commissioner Moody said that he recommends a couple of the road foremen assess the damage and report back. Mr. Emerson we will need a recommendation on how to fix the damage from the road foremen. Mr. Emerson stated he will notify the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Wood stated the people damaging the roads do not understand what it costs to repair these damages. Mr. Emerson mentioned he does not know for a fact but that he had heard the truck knew there was a problem and had their flashers on but that they just continued to drive anyways.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**Item One:** Mr. Emerson brought up the lightning strike on a tower at the Freeto building. He mentioned that the insurance deductible is \$1,000 and there is about \$5,000 worth of damage done. Mr. Emerson stated if they would like to turn it in he will get a report and Commissioner Moody stated to have it turned in. Commissioner Wood asked if they got the tower back running and Mr. Emerson mentioned they are getting it up and running but that they do still have the old part to prove it was damaged and that he will turn it in to insurance.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood stated he is still concerned with the SEKCAP situation. He asked if there was ever a letter of intent for SEKCAP to receive the ATC building and the \$200,000. Mr. Emerson mentioned there was an MOU to receive the \$200,000 but that they already came back to state they do not want the ATC building. Mr. Emerson mentioned their plans have changed but that will be addressed at the July 19th meeting.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood discussed employees coming to work late every day. He mentioned he does not have it on his road crew but that he sees this at the courthouse and would like to bring up a timeclock system again or a sign in and sign out system in the offices. Commissioner Wood stated if you add this amount over time they are stealing from the county. Commissioner Blair asked if Commissioner Wood has spoken to any of these people that show up late and he stated no he is not going to speak to them about it. Commissioner Blair stated some of the employees have duties they have to take care of before work. Commissioner Moody suggested sending a letter to the department heads and see if that handles the issue to begin with. Mr. Emerson stated he will draft the letter to send to the department heads.

### **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 (24-317)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss land use consultant and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:57 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

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**On motion (24-318)** 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 the Road and Bridge and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:13 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: July 16, 2024- 9:00 AM** Budget work session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker.

**Item Two: July 19, 2024** – SEKCAP discussing large childcare project.

**Item Three: July 23, 2024-** Large Childcare project updates.

**Item Four: July 26, 2024-** SEK Recycling Center attending open meeting.

**Item Five: August 2, 2024- 9:00 AM** Work session with Ryan Insurance in regards to quarterly 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 Wood to adjourn the [July 12, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:14 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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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 07/15/24 9:00 AM/amended BKW 7/5/24 10:30 AM](#)