

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **FIFTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, July 16, 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 (24-319)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 12, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 630674 to 630999 dated July 15, 2024 in the total amount of \$482,376.60

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	314	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 9, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	315	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

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Motion 24	316	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
Motion 24	317	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
Motion 24	318	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

### 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

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker gave a reminder to the public that in office early voting begins Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the 2024 Primary Election.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated Communications/911 Director Tim Mikrut requested a work session on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM to discuss storm sirens. Mr. Emerson also asked the Commissioners when they would like Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz to come for a work session and they decided to have a work session with Mr. Gorentz on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM regarding county projects.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair mentioned Ms. Jessica Ripper from the Girard Area Chamber of Commerce was supposed to be present at today's meeting but that she had an emergency so he is going to try and give the update for her. He mentioned she was going to update the Commissioners about Girard's main street projects which includes 22 veteran flags that will be going around the square, and he also mentioned there will crosswalks with murals painted on them and gave some details on the murals. Commissioner Blair stated this is funded through main street grants that Girard Area Chamber of Commerce is receiving.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody stated he received a call from Mr. Mike Faulkner, the safety director with CARDS, who left him a voicemail and when Commissioner Moody returned the call, he did not get an answer. He stated he is going to provide Mr. Emerson with that phone number so that he can get in to contact with Mr. Faulkner.

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**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood mentioned the road that CARDS damaged and stated the west side of the road is city property. Mr. Emerson stated that he has informed the City of Pittsburg of this but that the county is also involved.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if he has drafted the letter in regards to employees coming in late to work and Mr. Emerson said he has and that he thinks that they should do an executive session in regards to this.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Ms. Lusker mentioned the budget work session they had this morning. She stated she would like another work session and asked if July 30th at 9:00 AM would work and the Commissioners agreed.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson mentioned the gentleman who attended a meeting a couple weeks ago about a fence viewing. He stated he has been working with this individual but also with GIS Director Kyle Nelson on dimensions for the notice that will need to be sent out. Mr. Emerson mentioned he will discuss this more next week.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (24-320)** 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 EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:30 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 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (24-321)** of Commissioner Wood 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 county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:46 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:31 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:46 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

**Item Seven:** Mr. Emerson mentioned after discussing with a few Commissioners individually he believes they may not have a quorum on Friday, July 19th. Commissioner Moody stated he will be out of town and Commissioner Blair stated he will also be absent. Mr. Emerson stated there will be no open meeting on Friday, July 19th due to lack of quorum.

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: July 23, 2024- 9:00 AM** Work session with Communications/911 Director Tim Mikrut regarding storm sirens.

**Item Two: July 23, 2024- 9:30 AM** Work session with Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz regarding county projects.

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

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

**Item Five: July 30, 2024- 9:00 AM** Work session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker regarding budget.

**Item Six: August 2, 2024- 9:00 AM** Work session with Ryan Insurance in regards to quarterly report.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: July 19, 2024-** The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to lack of quorum.

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

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [July 16, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:48 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.**

**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 07/18/2024 2:30 PM/amended BKW 7/19/24 10:00 AM](#)