

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **FIFTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, July 23, 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.

Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan was seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (24-322)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 16, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	319	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 12, 2024 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 630674 to 630999 dated July 15, 2024 in the total amount of \$482,376.60
Motion 24	320	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

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Motion 24	321	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
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### 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

**Item One:** Mr. Nate Clevenger representing the Girard Warrior's Track Club addressed the Commissioners. He gave the Commissioners information about the club. Mr. Clevenger mentioned they have had about 20 children qualify for the Junior Olympics this year. Mr. Clevenger asked the Commissioners if the county could support their club in their traveling to the Junior Olympics as it is a very costly event. Commissioner Blair asked which age groups are represented with the club and Mr. Clevenger answered.

**On motion (24-323)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve a donation of \$500 out of the Miscellaneous Fund to the Girard Warrior's Track Club.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressed the Commissioners regarding Large Child Care projects updates. Mr. Ron Scripsick with Point Forward at the Washington School gave the first update. He mentioned construction is a little behind but did give the updates on what has been done to the building already regarding construction. Commissioner Moody stated he has been by the facility and can see physical progress. Ms. Anne Elliott with the Family Resource Center addressed the Commissioners next. She explained their demolition within their building has been completed and also mentioned they put on a new roof instead of repairing the existing roof due to some leakage. Ms. Elliott stated when the plumbing was looked at it was corroded so the plumbing is being redone as well. She gave more physical details about the building and stated they should be completed by the end of November 2024. She stated their facility already has a waiting list. Commissioner Wood asked how many child care spots they will have and she answered they will have 58 slots to fill at their facility, some for the hospital and some for the community. Commissioner Wood asked the breakdown of this and Ms. Elliott answered twenty-five percent is for the hospital and the remaining is for the community. Commissioner Wood asked why they are spending this kind of money just to pay to lease the building and Ms. Elliott explained Ascension Via Christi is leasing the building to them for free. Commissioner Moody asked how long the lease is and Ms. Elliott

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answered it is a five year renewable lease. Commissioner Wood asked if any of these children will be preschool children and Ms. Elliott answered they will have children age 3 to 5 but that they do not have a preschool within the building. Commissioner Wood asked how many children will be there aged 0 to 3 years and Ms. Elliott stated they will have 17 infants and 20 toddlers. Ms. Elliott mentioned the hospital is responsible for the outside of the building and Family Resource Center is responsible for the inside of the building in regards to maintenance. Commissioner Wood asked why Family Resource Center can charge a certain amount for their childcare slots in comparison to other facilities with different pricing and Ms. Elliott answered that she believes the amount comes from what each facility can afford to charge and still meet payroll and maintenance of the building. Mr. Bodensteiner gave a little more information in regards to this as well. Commissioner Wood asked if they are certain they will fill their 58 slots and Ms. Elliott mentioned she is certain they will as they already have a wait list that covers all slots available. Mr. Donnie Talent with Sonshine Childcare addressed the Commissioners next. He explained their project is completed and that they received their license at the end of June for 100 slots. Mr. Talent explained the largest need they see is for children 0 to 3 years old. Commissioner Moody asked if the amount that his facility was going to originally charge is different than what they are charging now and Mr. Talent answered that they did change from their original pricing. Commissioner Wood asked how many slots he originally received money for and Mr. Talent answered they received money originally for 80 slots but that they have 100 slots in their facility. Commissioner Moody asked if it is hard to come up with staffing for the facility and Mr. Talent answered it has been more difficult as the project progressed. Commissioner Wood asked how many slots they have available for 0 to 3 years old and Mr. Talent answered they can handle 84 slots for ages 0 to 3 years old. A representative for Sugar Creek addressed the Commissioners next. He provided some paperwork to show the progress of their project as well as explained some details about the project. He explained their plan is to break ground on the building in September 2024 and be open and ready for the fall of 2025. The representative explained they had to make some decisions when it comes to the construction to cut the rising cost of the project. The representative stated they will be getting licensed for 226 available slots and of the 226 slots about 64 slots will be preschool children, 162 will be ages 0 to five years old. Commissioner Wood stated preschoolers are not daycare children. Commissioner Wood asked if USD 249 will be paying for the preschoolers and the Assistant Principal for Frank Layden Elementary confirmed USD 249 will be paying for the actual preschool class, but that the preschool students are still using the daycare whether it is all day or for part of the day. Commissioner Wood asked if ARPA money will be funding preschool and Mr. Bodensteiner answered that no it will not. Commissioner Wood stated he is asking these questions because it is not clear where this money funded by the county is being used. Commissioner Wood asked if Sugar Creek signed an MOU with New Foundations and the representative explained there are two MOU's with the county in Sugar Creek's name. Commissioner Wood asked how Sugar Creek received \$614,000 and the representative explained. Commissioner Blair helped explain the original intention of Sugar Creek when they applied. Mr. Adam Lusker answered some of the question about the partnership. Commissioner Wood asked if USD 249 will be paying a lease if Sugar Creek is sponsoring the builder and the assistant principal answered that no they will not be on a lease. She also explained New Foundations has their own MOU with the county as well. Commissioner Moody stated at the end of the day more childcare is being made

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available to the county residents. Mr. Bodensteiner agreed with this. Commissioner Wood asked if surveys were sent to the entire county and Mr. Bodensteiner answered no but every resident had the opportunity to fill out a survey as they had links on their website, the county websites, as well as printed in public places throughout the county. Commissioner Wood asked how many slots will be available for the Sugar Creek employees and the representative answered anywhere from twenty to twenty-five percent. Mr. Bodensteiner stated he is not concerned about any of these projects. A representative from SEKCAP addressed the Commissioners and gave information about their project, as well as gave information about why they chose not to use the ATC building for their project. He mentioned they are abstaining from receiving the \$200,000 ARPA funding and want to wish all the other projects the best of luck. Commissioner Wood asked if they were saying they do not want the old ATC building and the representative from SEKCAP explained that has nothing to do with it but also explained that because that deed was not completed in time they lost the ability to receive additional funding for that project. He mentioned they are partnering with Crawford County Mental Health but that it has nothing to do with child care. Mr. Bodensteiner asked him to confirm that the \$200,000 for the Girard project will not be utilized and the representative confirmed that no it will not be. Mr. Bodensteiner mentioned that \$200,000 will now come back to Crawford County which can be discussed at a later time. Commissioner Wood asked if they are still partnering with Point Forward for the Washington School child care project and the representative mentioned they will need to have necessary discussions about this. Commissioner Wood asked if the Washington School project no longer has a provider and Mr. Bodensteiner answered that he cannot answer that question but discussed this further. Commissioner Wood discussed about the original plan with the ATC building. The representatives from SEKCAP mentioned that they had applied for additional funding for childcare but that they will not have an answer on being awarded or denied until September 2024. Mr. Bodensteiner stated they could possibly still be on timeline to hold the \$200,000 for SEKCAP and Commissioner Wood stated that would have to be decided on. Commissioner Wood asked the Representatives if they had the ATC building and received the money would they put a daycare center in it and the representative stated knowing Crawford County Mental Health now has the building there would have to be a lot of discussion about it. Commissioner Blair asked if the grant they applied for is for new construction and the representatives confirmed that yes it is. Mr. Bodensteiner discussed the commitment the county has made to child care and how positive that is. Representatives from SEKCAP stated they will continue to share what they have done with the Washington School project as well. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Bodensteiner to set up a time in August with County Counselor Jim Emerson to discuss Point Forward and SEKCAP.

**The Commissioners took a 10 minute recess.**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan requested a work session on Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss ARPA. Commissioner Wood asked if 9:45 AM would work and Ms. Ryan confirmed.

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**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair discussed the road work being done. He discussed one of the projects and asked if any of his roads require similar equipment so that they can coordinate this. Commissioner Wood asked how many days he will need the equipment and Commissioner Blair answered they will likely need it for about a week.

Commissioner Blair also discussed some chip and seal. Commissioner Wood asked how many miles his crew will be working on and Commissioner Blair answered about 2 and a half to 3 miles.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody stated that he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center meeting tonight and will have an update for the Commissioners at Friday's open meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood asked about the list of equipment for Purple Wave. Commissioner Blair stated he does not have the list with him but will try and bring in on Friday.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody stated he previously discussed with the Mental Health Director about the possibility of draining the pond at the old hospital, digging it out, and getting it to where it is somewhat presentable. Commissioner Wood asked if she was for this and Commissioner Moody answered that she is. Commissioner Blair asked if there is material on site or if they will need to dispose of anything and Commissioner Moody says he is unsure as he is in the early stage of considering this. Commissioner Moody said they just want to clean it up but that he is unsure of where to start with this. Commissioner Wood stated he would have it pumped out and Commissioner Moody is concerned about the odor of doing this.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: July 26, 2024- 9:45 AM** Work session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan in regards to ARPA.

**Item Two: July 26, 2024- 10:00 AM** Public hearing on vacating a Platted Street in South Radley.

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

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

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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## 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 [July 23, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:35 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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**Randi Ryan**

Director of Fiscal Services

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

[Taken RJA 07/24/2024 10:00 AM/amended BKW 7/25/24 11:00 AM](#)