

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, July 25, 2023 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.

Vice Chairman Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Vice Chairman Wood and Mason O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-307) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 21, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 23	303	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 18, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	304	To approve the APRA Drawdown for July 2023
Motion 23	305	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 invoicing and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Clerk Lisa Lusker and to reconvene by 10:20 AM

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Motion 23	306	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: The Pittsburg 12U Little League All Stars addressed the Commissioners. Weston Turnbull read a statement about their team and their accomplishments. He stated that the team recently won the Little League State Championship and now have to opportunity to play in the Regional World Series Tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana from August 4, 2023 to August 11, 2023. He explained that they are asking for donations to help with expenses to Indianapolis. Weston explained how the donations will be used. Each team member introduced themselves and stated the position they play on the team.

On motion (23-308) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve a donation of \$500 to the Pittsburg 12U Little League All Stars to help with expenses in traveling to the Regional World Series Tournament in Indianapolis Indiana from August 4, 2023 to August 11, 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Brad Miner, President and Mr. John White, Vice-President of the Cherokee Ruritan Club addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Miner stated that the Ruritan is a national community service organization that was established in 1928. He gave some information on the Cherokee Ruritan Club and stated that this is the 50th year anniversary of the club. He stated that a couple of years ago the club almost disbanded due to lack of interest and participation in the organization. Mr. Miner explained that Mr. White and himself did not want to see that happen and they stepped up and tried to bring new life into the club and now the club has approximately 15 active members. He stated that the Ruritan Club is responsible for the Cherokee Fall Festival and they are seeking donations. He handed out brochures with information on the fall festival and a Cherokee Fall Festival Sponsorship information page. Mr. White addressed the Commissioners and stated that this year they are trying to make the Cherokee Fall Festival something the community can be proud of and any money made is put back into the community through scholarships. The Commissioners stated that they will discuss this issue and Commissioner Moody also suggested that the club reach out to the CVB. County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that she will get Mr. Miner contact information for the CVB and also stated that the Cherokee Ruritan Club has been put on the list to be sent information on

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requesting Parks and Recreation and Elderly funding that the Commissioners distribute each year around January.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an ARPA drawn down request. He stated that this is for RJA for Prevention/Truancy in the amount of \$135,750. He explained that this is an add on from the June draw down that was not received in time.

On motion (23-309) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the ARPA draw down request for RJA for Prevention/Truancy in the amount \$135,750.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood discussed a bridge on Quincy that is being worked on. He stated there will be detour signs in place and to use caution in that area during that time.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-310) 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 County Funds and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 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: August 4, 2023 – 10:00 AM Opening of the Crawford County Health Department addition and remodel project bids.

Item Two: August 11, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Bodensteiner to address ARPA update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: July 28, 2023 – 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

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [July 25, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:41 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 7/25/2023 10:41 AM/amended BKW 7/28/2023 3:30 PM