

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **FIFTY-FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, July 30, 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 (24-332) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 26, 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	324	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 23, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	325	To open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in the First Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	326	To close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in the First Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 24	327	To adopt Resolution #2024-015, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in the First Addition to South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	328	To approve the ARPA drawdown request for July 2024 as presented
Motion 24	329	To approve the appointment of Ms. Susie Boldrini as a representative to the Southeast Kansas Career and Technical Education Center of Crawford County Board of Directors
Motion 24	330	To pay up to \$35,700.00 to the Hepler Fire Department for the fire truck replacement from the funds produced by the Hepler wind farm
Motion 24	331	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 EMS and Maintenance Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:17 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the FY2025 Adult Comprehensive Plan Revised Grant Signature Approval Form. He discussed a cover letter email that was included and explained why it was necessary to present a revised form. Mr. Emerson explained that this email also included what the additional funds they receive will be used for and explained it was necessary for them to present a revised budget due to these additional funds. Commissioner Blair asked if this was neutral with the budgets the Commissioners are discussing right now and Mr. Emerson answered that it is.

On motion (24-333) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the FY2025 Adult Comprehensive Plan Revised Grant Signature Approval Form as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed the plan with the old landfill. He stated he discussed this with Mr. Emerson and Mr. Emerson explained he has some emails from the State of Kansas in regards to this. Mr. Emerson explained the State of Kansas had a visit to the landfill and that Mr. Emerson has discussed this with Noxious Weeds Director Tommy Scales. He gave specifics in regards to the comments given by the State. Mr.

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Emerson mentioned the State of Kansas is asking for a written plan to address the issues on the south side of the landfill by August 31, 2024 and that the county is working with Triad on this as they speak. Mr. Emerson stated Mr. Samuel Boaz with KDHE recommended haying the south side of the landfill which is better than bushhogging at this time and gave details as to why this is his recommendation. Commissioner Wood asked if Deffenbaugh takes care of the cost of repairs in the old landfill and Mr. Emerson explained they are responsible for half of the cost.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood brought up the Purple Wave list. Commissioner Blair stated he talked to Foreman Josh Peak about it this morning and stated the trailer listed is Commissioner Wood's district's trailer. Commissioner Moody asked if the trailer is in pretty rough shape or better than the one his district has and Commissioner Blair stated he recommend Commissioner Moody talk to Mr. Peak about the trailer.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker reminded the Commissioners about the budget work session on August 2nd at 8:00 AM.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood discussed the Comprehensive Plan and that they need to choose a consultant. Mr. Emerson stated he sent an email to the potential consultants asking them to have all information to the county by this Thursday. Mr. Emerson also explained the importance of getting further along in this process.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed emailing the Undersheriff in regards to communication. Commissioner Wood gave details about the situation and stated it all worked out but that he was considering giving them a call list so that they have an order of people to call if necessary.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the parking lot at the new ATC building. He mentioned the bills have come in for this job and they are around what the estimated cost was.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-334) 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 EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:41 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:21 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-335) 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 legal matters and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:55 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 10:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 2, 2024- 8:00 AM Budget work session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker.

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

Item Three: August 2, 2024 -- Ms. Caitlin Fanning discussing the issue of stray animals in the county.

Item Four: August 6, 2024- Ms. May Smith, Zoning Administrator presenting 2 Planning & Zoning cases.

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 30, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:56 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

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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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken RJA 7/31/24 1:00 PM/amended BKW 8/1/24 10:30 AM](#)