Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2026, FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, June 12, 2026 at 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

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

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA
On motion (26-275) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the June 09, 2026 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
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 26	269	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 05, 2026 minutes
Motion 26	270	To approve the use of ImageTrend for EMS software
Motion 26	271	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Emergency Management pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the

		privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons, and EMS Director Michael Burnett attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:39 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	272	To approve the letter of support for Crawford County Mental Health Center's Veteran's Resource Hub and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 26	273	To approve the closure of 230th on July 4, 2026 from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Motion 26	274	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding the judicial center and court operations which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 12:05 PM. The motion passed 3-0

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
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 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES CONTINUED
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated she has work sessions scheduled and wanted to run them by the Commissioners. She stated for the June 23rd work sessions Maintenance Director Aaron Crozier will come at 9:00 AM and County Attorney Reina Probert will come at 9:30 AM. Ms. Lusker mentioned she would also like to confirm Bukaty will be presented for a work session on June 26th at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned he had a request from Crawford County Abstract about a property on 640th. He gave details regarding this request and presented the Commissioners with maps and information on this location. He explained there was a temporary easement on this property for a previous bridge project and the location of this easement. Mr. Emerson stated this does have to be corrected to fix the title by a quit claim deed.

On motion (26-276) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Quit Claim Deed to Scotty Overman and authorizing the Chairman to sign.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
Nays:
Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson mentioned he spoke with Mr. Joshua Albin regarding the zoning recommendations and scheduling. He stated Mr. Albin would like to have a drafted version of the regulations to the Commissioners on June 23rd as well as being present via zoom for the meeting. Mr. Emerson stated he believes Mr. Albin is leaning towards July 10th, but either July 7th or July 10th the official recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board will be presented by Zoning Administrator May Smith and Mr. Albin. Mr. Emerson mentioned he addressed the question of only being able to vote on specific pieces of the recommendation and that the answer is yes because of the way that the articles are broken down in the recommendation. Commissioner Wood asked why the Commissioners cannot just vote on county wide zoning and then move on to the other aspects of this Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Emerson stated he believes that they can. Commissioner Wood stated he cannot understand why they wanted to push the decision for county wide zoning in with everything else. Mr. Emerson explained he believes all the recommendations came about in one night at a Planning and Zoning meeting which is why they would be presented to the Commissioners at the same time but that they can be voted on separately. Commissioner Wood asked if he is able to talk to the zoning board members and Mr. Emerson advised against this but did say he could discuss with Ms. Smith and Mr. Albin. Commissioner Moody discussed voting separately on the recommendations. Mr. Emerson mentioned they still have quite a ways to go on the Comprehensive Plan and that they are just discussing zoning regulations. Commissioner Wood stated he just does not think it is right they have to wait to vote on county wide zoning. Mr. Emerson reiterated it is not all together because they are not discussing Comprehensive Plan but just the zoning regulations.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood stated he talked to Mr. Emerson before the meeting and that they agreed they are going to get in to contact with the company conducting the Sheriff's sale. He stated they are wanting to get a schedule and that they need to get these sales going quickly.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair mentioned he knows they previously discussed briefly the traffic counters they have out right now but that he spoke with Sign Foreman Dale Shireman this morning regarding two sets of tracks being closed soon. He stated they are on 126th and Highway 47 on he believes June 18th and June 19th. He stated when Highway 400 was closed last year they had a nightmare with traffic in the town of Cherokee so Mr. Shireman is going to get signs ready and look at a good detour situation just in case they have an issue on these days.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated IT Director Brandon Spaur would like to take the 9:00 AM work session on June 16th for his budget.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated he spoke with Mr. Matt Bacon with the City of Pittsburg about the bridge project approved with KDOT and they are planning to pay their share.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair mentioned the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission had their annual meeting yesterday. He stated Ms. Carey Spoon put together a presentation of all of their projects but that he also has information specifically on what the planning commission has done just for Crawford County. Commissioner Blair gave some general information on what they have provided to the county and that he is hoping to see some funds come through for smaller communities in the near future. Commissioner Blair stated Mr. Tim Dossey with Pittsburg State University was a speaker at the meeting. He gave some information regarding what he presented and that he thinks they should set up a work session with Mr. Dossey to discuss the growth of polymer materials in Southeast Kansas. Commissioner Moody asked if they have any mornings open for work sessions and Commissioner Blair stated he can provide the Commissioners with his contact information but that he just would like them to meet with him sometime.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-277) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Health Department Director applicants pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, and County Counselor Jim Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:42 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.
Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:39 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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 (26-278) of Commissioner Blair and second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding district court contract which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 10:56 AM. The motion passed 3-0.
Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Four: Mr. Emerson mentioned they have had a few work sessions with District Court and that after their tour of the building there is no doubt it has some needs to be taken care of as they continue to grow. He stated he thinks it is time they take a look at this building. Mr. Emerson stated 11th Judicial District Court Administrator Mac Young and Chief Judge Loy have looked for a firm to provide a study both in Girard and Pittsburg with a cost of $38,250 which will provide them with recommendations for the future in both buildings. He mentioned after reviewing budget items he is proposing they pay this out of the ARPA interest account which is currently at a balance of $173,000. Commissioner Blair stated he is okay with this and Commissioner Moody agreed with the need for this space. Commissioner Wood mentioned he agrees as well and that it is money earned off of ARPA and not taxpayer money.

On motion (26-279) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve paying for the Judicial Center study in the amount of $38,250 from the ARPA Interest account.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 16, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session with IT Director Brandon Spaur to discuss budget.

Item Two: June 16, 2026- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street in the Original Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Item Three: June 23, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session with Maintenance Director Aaron Crozier to discuss budgets.

Item Four: June 23, 2026- 9:30 AM Work Session with County Attorney Reina Probert to discuss budget.

Item Five: June 26, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session with Bukaty to discuss insurance.

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 June 12, 2026 meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:55 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
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 6/15/26 10:00 AM/amended BKW 6/15/26 10:25 AM