

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, June 16, 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.

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 (23-255) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 13, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers, and
3. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 622478 to 622718 dated June 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$547,802.94.

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 23	251	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 9, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	252	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the employees under Non-Elected Personnel 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 23	253	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 45 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 AM
Motion 23	254	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 security and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:00 AM

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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: County Grant Writer Mr. Gus Brunetti addressed the Commissioners. He gave an update on the SEK CTEC Saferoom FEMA Grant and stated that the grant has been approved but some groundwork still needs to be done. He explained that the grant has been approved for \$50,000 but requires making a minimum 10% match of \$5,007.60. Mr. Brunetti went through the needed information to complete the grant application and explained that this information has to be submitted by June 30, 2023 to secure the funding and he sees no issues with meeting that deadline. He also discussed other grants that are being looked into and spoke about Sewer District #4, Veteran’s Community Project, Safe Streets for All and Rural Water District #2. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brunetti for his update.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood discussed a building at the Crawford County Historical Museum that needs repairs and he will check into this further. He also discussed some issues with the air conditioning units at the museum and he will check with Maintenance Supervisor Bob Gorentz on these issues.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood discussed some complaints he has received with temporary tags that are expired and would like County Counselor Jim Emerson to contact local police departments and the Sheriff’s department to discuss enforcement of this issue.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood stated he was contacted by a person concerned about restitution he should be receiving from an inmate. Mr. Emerson will check into the matter.

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Item Four: Commissioner Wood addressed the County's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and Mr. Emerson explained that the plan was for 5 years and that time has expired and there were not many participants during the 5-year period. There was a discussion on how the taxes are paid and how the refunds are processed. Commissioner Wood would like to check into this again and Mr. Emerson will work on this.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson discussed the improvements recently made to a portion of 580th Avenue. He stated that a neighbor reported there is a lot of commercial truck traffic between 260th Street and 270th Street on 580th Avenue. Mr. Emerson will talk to Sign Foreman Dale Shireman and make this area a "No Truck" road. Commissioner Wood discussed the state line road and would like Mr. Emerson to contact Barton County Missouri on the issue of making this road a No Truck route.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker addressed budget work sessions with the departments. The Commissioners advised her to start scheduling the work sessions anytime and have them in 20-minute increments.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood discussed the day the server was down and the phone systems also being down. Mr. Emerson explained that if the internet is down, the phone systems are also down. Commissioner Wood stated that he will speak with IT Director Brandon Spaur about this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-256) of Commissioner Blair 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 contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (23-257) of Commissioner Blair 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 the Appraiser's Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:50 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Mr. Emerson presented an invoice from Bitner Motors for a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox for the Appraiser's Office for \$25,900.

On motion (23-258) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox for the Appraiser's Office in the amount of \$25,900 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 19, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Item Two: June 20, 2023 – Retirement Reception for Deputy County Appraiser John Macary from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM and more than Commissioner may be in attendance.

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 [June 16, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:52 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 6/16/2023 10:52 AM/amended BKW 6/16/2023 3:00 PM