

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, June 18, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

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

Vice Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (24-282) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 14, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 630078 to 630325 in the total amount of \$407,991.92.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 24	275	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 11, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	276	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: George C Brown

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		Post #26 Girard American Legion PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: 8:00 AM on July 29, 2024 and ending at 6:00 PM on August 4, 2024 (For consumption on the premises) EVENT: Crawford County Fair
Motion 24	277	To approve the letter of support for Crawford County Mental Health to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant
Motion 24	278	To approve the Addiction Treatment Center drawdown as presented
Motion 24	279	To approve the alarm upgrade project for the Crawford County Courthouse as presented
Motion 24	280	To approve the placement of street lights in Opolis and Prairieview subdivision as presented
Motion 24	281	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 land acquisition and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:20 AM

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressed the Commissioners. He discussed the timeline for ARPA funding. Mr. Bodensteiner mentioned the MOU's for large childcare needs to be amended to a later date. County Counselor Jim Emerson handed out one sample agreement for the Commissioners to look at today with the language that will be included in the amended MOUs. Mr. Emerson said that the Commissioners will not actually be approving each individual MOU today but they will just be approving the language in the sample MOU provided. Mr. Bodensteiner mentioned this is also not approval of the SEKCAP/Point Forward project as that is entirely separate. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Bodensteiner if it is about time to have each childcare center come back and give an update and Mr. Bodensteiner answered that he believes it is getting close to that time. Commissioner Blair asked if they believe November will be enough time and Mr. Emerson explained why they decided on November 1, 2024 as their new deadline. Commissioner Moody asked about reallocation of funds if the November deadline is not met and Mr. Emerson explained that we have up until December 31st of this year to make a decision on reallocating the funds, if we need to. Mr. Bodensteiner mentioned he is not particularly worried about any of the projects that have already been approved but he believes they need to give an update in a couple of weeks.

On motion (24-283) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the language update in the Large Childcare MOUs changing the deadline from July 1, 2024 to November 1, 2024.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Moody

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Bodensteiner discussed child care further and the lack of child care availability in the United States. He mentioned if a child care facility closed it would be harmful to the residents of Crawford County and that he believes the Commissioners made a good choice in supporting more child care in the county. He also discussed Sonshine Childcare Center and their success.

Item Three: Mr. Bodensteiner discussed the SEKCAP/Point Forward project. He provided the application they filled out just as the other childcare projects did. Mr. Bodensteiner provided a Large Child Care Project Comparison for the Commissioners. He asked the Commissioners if they would like a copy of the MOU between SEKCAP and Point Forward he can provide it but that there will be a different MOU later on.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair brought up the tire amnesty dates. Commissioner Moody mentioned they will have tire collection this Friday and Saturday in Pittsburg and next Friday and Saturday in Girard and he would like residents to utilize these collection days.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-284) 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 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Road and Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:51 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:21 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 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: June 21, 2024- 9:00 AM Budget work session.

Item Two: June 25, 2024- 8:45 AM Work session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA.

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Item Three: June 25, 2024- 10:00 AM Public hearing on Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

Item Four: June 28, 2024- 9:00 AM Work session with consultant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 19, 2024- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Item Two: June 20, 2024- 12:00 PM Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Annual General Commission Meeting in Chanute. One or more Commissioner may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [June 18, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:34 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

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 06/18/2024 11:00 AM](#) /amended [BKW 6/18/24 1:50 PM](#)