

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, June 25, 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 (24-291) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 21, 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	285	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 18, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	286	To approve the request from RJA for \$30,000 from the opioid settlement funds for vaping and substance abuse prevention and intervention programs
Motion 24	287	To approve the closing of the Crawford County Courthouse on Friday July 5, 2024

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Motion 24	288	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 RPC meeting and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 AM
Motion 24	289	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 county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:11 AM
Motion 24	290	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 Juvenile Detention Center and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:27 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (24-292) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

There was no public comment.

On motion (24-293) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2024-010, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

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On motion (24-294) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2024-009, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an extension letter for Restorative Justice Authority. He explained this is approving an extension of members to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB) for a 3-year term. He stated the members agreeing to extend their term include Vanessa De Luna as a General Representative, Jennifer Brunetti as Judiciary Representative, Brent Narges as Law Enforcement Representative, and Jerry Waltrip as General Representative.

On motion (24-295) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve an extension of Vanessa De Luna as a General Representative, Jennifer Brunetti as Judiciary Representative, Brent Narges as Law Enforcement Representative, and Jerry Waltrip as General Representative to Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for a term of 3 years 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 Two: Commissioner Moody mentioned he had a call from a resident in Franklin wanting to place a 5th wheel camper on a lot and he asked Mr. Emerson if there are zoning regulations on that. Mr. Emerson stated Zoning Administrator May Smith will need to explain that but that he believes it would not be allowed unless it meets extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Wood asked for Mr. Emerson to contact Ms. Smith and have her come up to the meeting to answer some questions.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody presented a picture of a road in Mulberry that had been torn up by a piece of equipment driven on the road. He stated they do not know who did this but that they are trying to figure this out. Commissioner Moody stated he does not understand how someone could not know they were causing this damage while driving the road. Commissioner Blair asked how deep the marks in the road are and Commissioner Moody stated they are fairly deep. Commissioner Moody discussed some

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options to fix this. Commissioner Wood asked if Mulberry police has been notified and Commissioner Moody stated he spoke with the Mayor of Mulberry.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti addressed the Commissioners. He stated he has an update on the grant projects he has been working on. Mr. Brunetti proceeded to list the grants and details about each one. Commissioner Blair asked about the deadline for one of these grants and Mr. Brunetti answered him. Commissioner Wood asked about the grant dealing with a storm siren and Mr. Brunetti conversed with him in regards to this. Ms. Judy Prince addressed the Commissioners stating they cannot hear storm sirens in Radley since they were on the topic of grants for storm sirens. She stated that is all she had to say. Commissioner Wood stated he would like Emergency Manager Rusty Akins at the meeting on Friday as well as Mr. Brunetti.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the ARPA Drawdown request for May 2024. He gave some details in regards to this ARPA update and some that was presented in the work session before the meeting. Mr. Emerson pointed out a specific area that asks if ARPA funding can be used to provide childcare to households. Mr. Emerson stated childcare is an allowed source to utilize this funding and pointed out some details including that it can be used on new or expanded services, increasing access to services, and also improvements or new construction for daycare, childcare, and early learning facilities. Commissioner Wood asked why Mr. Mike Bodensteiner did not know this information and Mr. Emerson stated he is not aware why he did not know that. Commissioner Wood stated he was looking at the childcare MOUs and asked why the money does not go to the providers first and then the project. Commissioner Wood specifically stated he wanted to know how it goes straight to Sugar Creek. Mr. Emerson explained.

On motion (24-296) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for June 2024 as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-297) 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:21 AM.

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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 11:01 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:19 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Four: Zoning Administrator May Smith addressed the Commissioners. Commissioner Moody asked about the Franklin resident placing a 5th wheel on a lot and Ms. Smith answered that it is not allowed. She stated they do not allow a temporary or permanently parked camper to ever become living quarters for someone. Commissioner Wood asked if this is in a zoned or unzoned area and Ms. Smith answered that this is a zoned area. Ms. Smith mentioned in a temporary hardship such as a house fire it may be allowed if it goes through Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Wood asked how the Tire Reclamation did on Friday and Saturday and she answered that it was slow and she was surprised there were not more. Ms. Smith announced there will be tire Reclamation at District 1 in Girard on Friday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Commissioner Wood mentioned the plats in Quail Hollow Ms. Smith has coming up and asked what would the chance be that she looks at the plat, do a protest, and take a look at septic systems. Ms. Smith mentioned this is more of County Sanitarian Bill Towery's department and Commissioner Wood stated he may discuss this with him. Commissioner Wood asked Ms. Smith if she has discussed with the consultant and Ms. Smith explained she had just received his information and will try to squeeze that in this week. Commissioner Wood asked what else she has done about the Comprehensive Plan and she mentioned she is mostly waiting on the Commissioner's decision but that she had a board meeting last Thursday evening and they will be ready when the Commissioners make their decision.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 28, 2024 – 8:30 AM Work session to sign June bills and payroll vouchers.

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

Item Three: July 2, 2023- 9:00 AM Budget work session

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 28, 2024- Crawford County Tire Reclamation Program located at the Crawford County District 1 Shop from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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Item Two: June 29, 2024- Crawford County Tire Reclamation Program located at the Crawford County District 1 Shop from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Collection sites will also be located in Walnut, Cherokee, Mulberry, McCune, and Arcadia from June 21st to June 29th.

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 25, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:32 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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 RJA 06/26/24 2:00 PM/amended BKW 6/17/24 9:00 AM](#)