Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2026, FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, June 26, 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 (26-295) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the June 23, 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	290	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 16, 2026 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 645791 to 646044 dated June 15, 2026 in the total amount of $583,847.91
Motion 26	291	To approve the MOU between Crawford County and Pittsburg State University and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 26	292	To approve the Sheriff's Department going out for bids on three lease

		purchase vehicles
Motion 26	293	To approve the appointment of Bryan Hoffman to the CTEC Board of Directors
Motion 26	294	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 11:18 AM. The Motion passed 3-0

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons addressed the Commissioners. He mentioned the weather events that have taken place since June 4th and that on June 14th a disaster was declared with the State of Kansas for Crawford County. He stated unfortunately they did not meet the damage threshold of $189,000. Mr. Parsons stated there was roughly $30,000 in road and equipment damages with overtime to police departments and fire departments only adding roughly an additional $1,000. He stated he got a call about a road under water over in McCune with the rain from last night as well. Commissioner Blair stated he is not too sure that most of the roads going East and West are not shut down in that area right now. Mr. Parsons mentioned 21 counties declared local emergency from June 4th to June 15th. Commissioner Wood asked if they would not pool any of the event damages together for surrounding counties and Mr. Parsons explained he asked this question about not hitting the threshold but he was told they will not get any assistance. Mr. Parsons mentioned they did lump the week of storms together but still did not meet the threshold. Mr. Parsons stated after the last rain storm they could try and declare another disaster if the Commissioners choose. Commissioner Blair discussed the rain in McCune and Walnut. Commissioner Blair told Mr. Parsons to do what he thinks they should and Mr. Parsons stated he will call the State today and discuss it. Mr. Parsons mentioned they did post on Facebook for county residents to report damages but that FEMA will not cover damages if the individuals have insurance to cover damages. Commissioner Wood asked how this works with livestock and Mr. Parsons explained. Commissioner Wood asked if they had done any rescues and Mr. Parsons answered there were 31 water assist rescues from the June 13th event. He stated there was also a rescue last night in the county. Commissioner Blair stated his crew is out there doing their best today but that some roads in his district are still under water. Commissioner Blair stated he appreciates everything Mr. Parsons is doing. Commissioner Wood asked EMS Director Michael Burnett if he spoke with Foreman Josh Peak yet and Mr. Burnett stated he has not. Commissioner Wood explained EMS was discussing servicing their trucks and that he would like him to speak with Mr. Peak to see what they can do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-296) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Ms. Diane VanBecelaere attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:33 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 10:13 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned when the Sheriff's Department was present Tuesday they mentioned they were looking for used vehicles but were unable to find any. He presented the Commissioners with some information on a used vehicle that was found at the City of Colwich, Kansas. He stated it is a 2020 Chevy Tahoe that is equipped for $23,500 and can be paid for out of their special law enforcement fund. He mentioned that fund has $37,310 made up of vin inspection fees. Commissioner Blair stated it is pretty cheap for a 2020 vehicle. Commissioner Wood asked why nobody from the Sheriff's Department came over to present this and Mr. Emerson stated he told them he would present. Commissioner Wood asked how many miles on this vehicle and Mr. Emerson stated it has 60,000 miles. Mr. Emerson mentioned it is not coming out of the budget they just need Commissioner approval for a check to be cut.

On motion (26-297) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Sheriff's Department purchase of a 2020 Chevy Tahoe from City of Colwich in the amount of $23,500.00.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood stated he would like for Zoning Administrator May Smith to present the county wide zoning policy to them on Tuesday so they can go ahead and vote on it. He stated he does not believe in lumping everything together on July 10th because it needs done. Commissioner Moody stated he has no problem voting on it but asked Mr. Emerson what Mr. Joshua Albin recommended. Mr. Emerson answered that Mr. Albin recommended all items discussed with Planning and Zoning to be presented on July 10th. Commissioner Blair stated he believes they would vote on county wide zoning first and then article by article of the proposed regulations. Commissioner Wood stated they are going to be swamped on July 10th. Commissioner Moody asked if there is a reason he wants to vote on it earlier and Commissioner Wood explained he feels that needs to get done first to get it out of the way. Commissioner Wood asked if any of the other Commissioners have read the book yet because he has not and Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair mentioned they have read some. Commissioner Blair stated he believes some items are going to be sent back to Planning and Zoning.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed from Bourbon County line to Cherokee County line is a disaster right now from the weather. He mentioned he will likely have individuals working on Saturday and Sunday to fix the damage.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-298) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 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 10:48 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 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 30, 2026- 8:30 AM Work Session to sign bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: June 30, 2026- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas.

Item Three: July 7, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss overall budget.

Item Four: July 10, 2026- Mr. Joshua Albin and Zoning Administrator May Smith presenting Planning and Zoning recommendations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: July 3, 2026- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Item Two: July 3, 2026- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Independence Day Holiday.

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 26, 2026 meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:49 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 6/29/26 12:40 PM/amended BKW 6/29/26 12:50 PM