

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Friday, June 28, 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 (24-298)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 25, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	291	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 21, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	292	To open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	293	To close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	294	To adopt Resolution #2024-009, A Resolution on Closing and

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		Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	295	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
Motion 24	296	To approve the ARPA drawdown request for June 2024 as presented
Motion 24	297	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

### 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

**Item One:** Crawford County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti addressed the Commissioners. Commissioner Wood asked if the grant application for storm sirens in Opolis was secured and Mr. Brunetti replied that it was still being worked on but that he revoked the initial application so that they can alter it since only one grant can be applied for per year. Mr. Brunetti explained FEMA will provide funding to the State of Kansas and then the County will apply for that funding. He explained the Notice of Intent just explains the county would like to apply for the funding as well as the plan to use the funding. Mr. Brunetti discussed timelines of this grant. He explained the only thing he needs right now is the locations for the sirens but that they do not need to be set in stone as the areas can be altered throughout the application process. Commissioner Moody asked about the cost per storm siren and Mr. Brunetti answered the siren was around \$35,000 per siren according to Blue Valley Public Safety but he does not have a quote from the electricians yet. Mr. Brunetti stated they do need to know if they will contract the work out or do it within county and Commissioner Wood answered it will be contracted out. Commissioner Blair asked as far as underserved locations if there are any that would be recommended besides the areas discussed and 911/Communications Director Tim Mikrut answered there is one in Chicopee but that it is set off by City of Pittsburg. Commissioner Blair asked if they are replacing existing storm sirens in Mulberry or if they will be new ones and Mr. Brunetti answered they are replacing existing sirens that are too old to connect to the weather service anymore. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Mikrut if he is capable of dealing with the maintenance on these sirens every year or if the county will need to contract that work out and Mr. Mikrut answered he can handle the maintenance work. He mentioned every couple years he would like someone contracted to double check the sirens. County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned Mr. Kenny Yoakum requested having a storm siren in Arcadia. Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins addressed the Commissioners. Commissioner Wood asked if there is any money out there for this project that we do not get from the government and Mr. Akins answered.

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Commissioner Blair mentioned Beulah as well for storm sirens. Commissioner Blair asked if the KDM grant is a yearly grant and Mr. Akins answered that typically but they do not always offer it yearly. Mr. Brunetti stated in order to qualify for this grant the county needs to implement the Kansas Hazard Mitigation Plan and he provided a copy of this to the Commissioners. He mentioned the towns will need to sign off on this as well but this does not need to be done until the deadline for the application.

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson gave an update for Zoning Administrator May Smith on the Tire Reclamation project occurring today. He mentioned they are having a better turn out today than last week.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2024-011 to appoint Mr. Jeff Brooks to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Emerson mentioned this is for Commissioner Wood's district. Commissioner Wood spoke positively in regards to Mr. Brooks. Mr. Emerson explained this is a 3 year term starting on July 1, 2024 and ending on July 1, 2027.

**On motion (24-299)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2024-011 to appoint Mr. Jeff Brooks to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas. He presented a map and explained where the street is located. Mr. Emerson stated a public hearing is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

**On motion (24-300)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in South Radley, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for July 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson presented the Plaster Center Contract between Pittsburg State University and Crawford County. He stated the CVB board recommended a one year renewal. Mr. Emerson explained some details of the contract and mentioned the agreement has been in effect since 2013. Mr. Emerson mentioned they make take this

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year to go over the details of the agreement and work on it. Commissioner Wood asked when we need to decide going into 2026 for this and Mr. Emerson answered it will be this time next year. Mr. Emerson mentioned to be fair to all parties they really need to know 90 days ahead of renewal time so maybe around April 1, 2025.

**On motion (24-301)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the PSU/Crawford County, Kansas Memorandum of Shared Use Agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody stated he has received several calls in regards to CARDS trash service. He mentioned the callers stated semis were bringing in loads of trash from out of county and out of state. He asked Mr. Emerson to explain for the sake of the county how this operates and Mr. Emerson explained some details. Mr. Emerson also mentioned CARDS is a private company. Commissioner Wood asked if the City of Arcadia still receives a tipping fee and Mr. Emerson answered that yes, it does. Commissioner Wood asked who owns the ground that the landfill is on and Mr. Emerson mentioned he would have to look into that. Commissioner Moody stated he wanted explanation because he believes there is a misconception that the county owns this property, and the county does not own it.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair stated he would like Ms. Samantha Norris to put an announcement out about large item drop off at the SEK Recycling Center. He also wanted to make a reminder that Crawford County residents have one free drop off day per month at the landfill and this just requires a Crawford County tag on your vehicle.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody mentioned he has several guys working on cutting fallen trees today by the ATC building. He mentioned they have gotten a couple of dump truck loads out of this.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood mentioned the pond at the ATC building in Pittsburg. He mentioned it is an eye sore and asked who owned the pond and Mr. Emerson answered that Crawford County Mental Health owns it. Commissioner Wood stated they need to get in touch with the owners and see what they want to do about it. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if the deeds were straightened out with them as well and Mr. Emerson mentioned he will be presenting them next time Ms. Spaur attends a meeting. Commissioner Wood further discussed the new ATC building.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: July 2, 2024- 9:00 AM** Budget work session

**Item Two: July 9, 2024- 9:00 AM** Budget work session

**Item Three: July 9, 2024-** Zoning Administrator May Smith presenting two Planning and Zoning cases.

## **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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Item Three: July 4 & 5, 2024-** The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

**Item Four: July 5, 2024-** 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 28, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:52 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken RJA 07/01//24 10:00 AM](#)