

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, FORTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Friday, June 2, 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.

Commissioner Carl Wood was 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 (23-232)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the May 26, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 23	225	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 23, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	226	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:25 AM
Motion 23	227	To approve corrected Motion #23-233
Motion 23	228	To approve the Road & Bridge Department switching to summer hours beginning at 6:00 AM and ending the day at 1:30 PM if no lunch break is taken during asphaltting and ending the day at 2:00 PM with a 30-minute lunch break if not asphaltting

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Motion 23	229	To approve notifying KDOT of the intent to apply for the Safe Streets 4 All Grant
Motion 23	230	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM
Motion 23	231	To cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 due to the Monday Memorial Day Holiday, however more than one Commissioner may be present at the Courthouse on Tuesday

### 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

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Mark Lehman, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Crawford County Conservation District addressing Conservation District Budget. Mr. Lehman handed out the Crawford County Conservation District 2024 Operations Fund Budget. He explained that the state will match the same as last year and they are asking for the same amount from the county as last year. He explained the increase and said that the increase comes from the Kansas Department of Conservation.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Ms. Lusker presented the May 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of May. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the April 2023 to May 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners reviewed the reports.

**On motion (23-233)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the May 2023 Clerk's Report as presented.

#### **On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson, Health Department Director Debra Anthony and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz addressed the Commissioners in reference to the Health Department Building Project. Ms. Anthony explained to the Commissioners

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the scope of work for the project. She also explained the funding sources for the project. Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Request for Bids that will be published in the Morning Sun.

**On motion (23-234)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve publication of the Request for Bid for the Crawford County Health Department addition and remodel project.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on Friday, June 30, 2023. He explained where the area is located. He stated that property involves 1 owner. Commissioner Wood stated that normally the alleys are not maintained in his district.

**On motion (23-235)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on Friday, June 30, 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated that he had a request for a work session from Communications Director Tim Mikrut to discuss the Arma Communication Tower Project. The Commissioners scheduled the work session for Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood requested the updated 69 Highway Survey Results and Public Information Officer Samantha Norris presented this information to the Commissioners. Commissioner Blair and Commission Wood stated that they will discuss this further next Tuesday when Commissioner Moody is attendance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (23-236)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more

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than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss building maintenance and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Clerk Lisa Lusker and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-237)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:56 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: June 6, 2023 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Communications Director Tim Mikrut to discuss Arma Communication Tower Project.

**Item Two: June 6, 2023 –** Mr. Charles Bowers, KDHE addressing landfill permit transfer.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [June 2, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:57 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**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 BKW 6/2/2023 10:57 AM/amended BKW 6/2/2023 4:00 PM](#)