

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, FORTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, June 30, 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.

Chairman 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 (23-275) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 27, 2023** 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 23	267	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 23, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners
Motion 23	268	To approve the Kansas Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Budget Adjustment Report and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	269	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss RJA under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Ms. Angie Hadley and Ms. Heidi Moody and to reconvene by 10:35 AM
Motion 23	270	To approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Local

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		Projects Project Programming Request for Route RS 173
Motion 23	271	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Appraiser’s Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 11:00 AM
Motion 23	272	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the ATC and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:25 AM
Motion 23	273	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss County Employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:38 AM
Motion 23	274	To approve closing the Courthouse on July 3, 2023 and July 4, 2023 for the Independence Day Holiday

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Honorable Lori A Bolton Fleming, Chief Judge of the 11th Judicial District addressed the Commissions in reference to Opioid Settlement Funds for drug court. She gave some background information on the efforts over the past years to bring drug court to the 11th Judicial District. She stated that there are now many drug courts in the State of Kansas. Judge Fleming explained that the Supreme Court has established a set of guidelines that are required to be followed and there is funding available for the startup and upkeep of drug court. She said that a task force has been created and she listed some of the participants. She explained the plans and the steps that will need to be taken to establish drug court. Judge Fleming said that the request being submitted to the Commissioners is for \$10,000 from the Opioid Settlement Funds and the money will be used to send teams out across the state to visit drug court sites. She presented the Commissioners with a travel budget. She explained to the Commissioners the purpose and the procedure of drug court. Judge Fleming stated that they have been working with Community Health to develop drug court and explained the reasons why. Commissioner Wood was answered that Crawford County Mental Health is part of the drug court team. Commissioner Blair stated that he feels that going out and visiting the other drug courts is a good way to see what would best fit the 11th Judicial District. He said he feels this is a great start and County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that this does qualify for opioid funds.

On motion (23-276) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the request for Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of \$10,000 for Drug Court as presented by Honorable Lori A Bolton Fleming, Chief Judge of the 11th Judicial District.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Opening of bids for the removal of refuse from specific County facilities. County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that 2 bids were received and she opened the bids from GFL and Short's Trash Service. Mr. Emerson read the bids aloud. Commissioner Moody stated that he would like Mr. Emerson to review the bids and return with a recommendation. The other Commissioners agreed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS continued

Item Two: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti presented the Kansas Emergency Management Mitigation Programs Grant Agreement between Kansas Emergency Management and Crawford County, Kansas for Project Number FEMA-4504-DR-KS-0013 with a Grant amount of \$450,684.00 and a Minimum Local share of \$50,076.00. Mr. Emerson stated that Crawford County is the sub recipient and CTEC will be the beneficiary. He explained the matching funds and stated that when an invoice is sent in, the state will pay 90% of the invoice and CTEC will pay the rest of the invoice amount.

On motion (23-277) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Emergency Management Mitigation Programs Grant Agreement between Kansas Emergency Management and Crawford County, Kansas for Project Number FEMA-4504-DR-KS-0013 for CTEC with a Grant amount of \$450,684.00 and a Minimum Local share of \$50,076.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Brunetti stated that Crawford County has been approved for the Safe Streets for All grant through KDOT and Crawford County is grouped with other counties on this grant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS continued

Item Two: Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-278) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson explained that this request is from a landowner and only one landowner is involved in the vacate. He showed maps of the area.

Chairman Blair stated there was no one present that wished to speak either in favor of against Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-279) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis 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 #2023-012, A Resolution on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-280) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2023-012, A Resolution on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Opolis Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the ARPA Drawdown for June 2023. Mr. Emerson explained that a work session was held previously and questions were raised in reference to some invoices and since that time the issue has been taken care of. There was a discussion on large day care ARPA funding and the 30% funds that are left in reserve.

On motion (23-281) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the APRA Drawdown for June 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-282) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss Building Projects and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:05 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Commissioner Wood discussed full coverage on county vehicles and coverage on a broken windshield. There was a discussion on the deductible for glass coverage on the vehicles. Ms. Lusker stated that the deductible is \$1,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the opening of the Crawford County Health Department addition and remodel project bids that is on the agenda for July 7, 2023 is postponed until August 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM. He explained that there will be a pre-bid conference on July 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Crawford County Health Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (23-283) 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 County Counselor duties under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:32 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:02 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:28 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-284) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss dust control and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Ms. Tina Troth and to reconvene by 12:05 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:59 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 7, 2023 – Budget Work Sessions with department heads beginning at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: July 11, 2023 – Budget Work Sessions with department heads beginning at 9:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: July 3, 2023 & July 4, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Item Two: July 4, 2023 – 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 30, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:02 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood:

Nays:

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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 BKW 6/30/2023 12:02 PM/amended BKW 7/5/2023 1:00 PM