Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2026, FORTY-NINTH MEETING

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

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (26-299) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the June 26, 2026 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	295	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 23, 2026 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 26	296	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

Motion 26	297	To approve the Sheriff's Department purchase of a 2020 Chevy Tahoe from City of Colwich in the amount of $23,500.00
Motion 26	298	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

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

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

On motion (26-300) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas.
Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned he has had no written comment or received any phone calls in opposition to this vacate.

There was no public comment.

On motion (26-301) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas.
Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2026-024, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted alley and a portion of Ninth Street in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

On motion (26-302) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2026-024, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted alley and a portion of Ninth Street in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-303) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Sheriff's Department 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 Sheriff Billy Tomasi attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:21 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 10:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Sheriff Billy Tomasi addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Emerson mentioned last week they approved the purchasing of one vehicle which will be finished up today. He stated this was paid out of their Special Law Enforcement fund. Mr. Emerson stated the vehicle they are discussing today is a 2023 Dodge Durango in the amount of $38,825 and will come out of the Sheriff's Department budget but that they will receive some reimbursement checks from insurance. Mr. Emerson discussed the opening of the lease purchase bids.

On motion (26-304) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango in the amount of $38,825 out of the Sheriff's Department budget.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Two: Ms. Tammy Alcantar requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-305) 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 exit interview 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. Tammy Alcantar attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:40 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 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Health Department Director Debra Anthony requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-306) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Health Department 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 Health Department Director Debra Anthony attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:57 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 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Four: Health Department Director Debra Anthony requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-307) 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 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 Health Department Director Debra Anthony attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:09 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 10:59 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:09 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson mentioned the halfway through the year budget break downs he handed out previously. He stated several accounts are looking good for the year so far and that employee benefit is the only one they will need to keep an eye on.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards addressed the Commissioners. She stated she has presented the Commissioners with the agreement from Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA regarding the plans they had completed on a bridge project 17 years ago. She explained the cost would be $21,400 and that they would make changes in erosion control design, update standards, submit for permits, and hold field check and letting services. Commissioner Blair asked for clarification that updating the existing plans would save money rather than getting new plans drawn up and Ms. Edwards confirmed. Commissioner Blair stated he and Ms. Edwards met with Mr. Matt Bacon with City of Pittsburg regarding this bridge project last week. Commissioner Wood asked about the right of way purchasing and Ms. Edwards stated she will not know until she has the plans. Mr. Emerson made the Commissioners aware that he is currently working on an agreement with the City of Pittsburg for this bridge project.

On motion (26-308) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the contract with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA for County Bridge Number 70A.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting:
The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed a letter he received from Miner's Hall Museum regarding a grant they had applied for to restore and preserve the outdoor murals in their Coal Camp exhibit. He mentioned it is inviting them to visit this exhibit during restoration or after its completion but does not have a set date.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair mentioned the information they received regarding Greenbush's Celebrating 50 years anniversary celebration. He stated it is not until September 20th, 2026 but that it is worth mentioning.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Emerson asked if they have gotten a date for ribbon cutting ceremony or opening ceremony for the building here in Girard. Mr. Emerson stated he thinks they were looking possibly at the end of July for this but he will check and get something scheduled.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated he received an updated list from Foreman Josh Peak regarding Purple Wave items and provided the Commissioners with a copy. Commissioner Moody asked if they do reserves and Commissioner Blair answered this company does not but that there are companies out there that do. Commissioner Wood stated they could look at selling the Health Department Motorhome themselves and Mr. Emerson mentioned that is an option. Commissioner Wood mentioned the metal culverts on this list and asked if they sell them separately or all as one and Commissioner Blair answered that Neosho County still uses metal culverts and that he wants to check if they would take a fair price on these culverts in lieu of payment for a bridge that they share with Crawford County. Commissioner Moody stated that is worth looking in to. Commissioner Wood discussed a project on Free King Highway involving culverts. Mr. Emerson mentioned he is going to talk to Mr. Peak about the Motorhome and other companies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Five: IT Director Brandon Spaur requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (26-309) 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 IT Department 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 IT Director Brandon Spaur attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:43 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 11:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (26-310) 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 11:53 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 11:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:53 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, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss overall budget.

Item Two: 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 30, 2026 meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:54 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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Bobbi Wicker
Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
Taken RJA 7/06/26 12:30 PM/amended BKW 7/6/26 1:30 PM