

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, March 24, 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.

Commissioners Carl Wood and Tom Moody 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 (23-140) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 21, 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	136	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 17, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	137	To approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Vette Autos Inc and to request an abate in the amount of \$64.98 from the 2020 tax rolls and the amount of \$60.44 from the 2021 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	138	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Codes Court under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator May Smith and to reconvene by 11:02 AM

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Motion 23	139	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:17 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Opening of Culvert bids. Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker presented the bids to County Counselor Jim Emerson. Mr. Emerson stated that 3 bids were received, Bo's 1 Stop Inc in Pittsburg Kansas, J & J Drainage Products Co in Hutchinson Kansas and Welborn Sales Inc in Salina Kansas. He opened the bids and read each bid out loud. Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Emerson, Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards and 3 the road foreman review the bids and return with a recommendation.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the ARPA drawdown request for March 2023. Commissioner Wood requested that a work session be held a before the drawdown requests each month to review. Mr. Emerson stated that a work session will be scheduled before the April 2023 drawdown request.

On motion (23-141) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for March 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson informed the Commissioners that he will be attending a meeting today at 1:00 pm in reference to the possibility of having a drug court in Crawford County. He explained that a drug court in the county had been addressed in the past but the resources were not available. He said that he will report back to the Commissioners next week. Commissioner Blair stated that he will also be attending the meeting.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood addressed FEMA money from the tornado that hit in 2019 in Crawford County. Mr. Emerson stated that FEMA funds were received in installments and he will have Ms. Edwards get the information on what funds were received and where the monies went.

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Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed purchasing a new dump truck for his district and stated that Commissioner Moody also needs a new dump truck for his district. Commissioner Wood gave information on the issues with the old dump truck. He discussed what funds could be used to pay for the dump trucks and said that he did not want to lease purchase these trucks and feels the funds are available to purchase the trucks outright. Commissioner Moody said that he would like to discuss this with Shop Foreman Josh Peak. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to possibly have a work session with the Road Foremen and Mr. Peak to discuss this issue. Commissioner Wood also discussed other equipment he would like to purchase.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood addressed videotaping other meetings held in the Commission Room. IT Director Brandon Spaur stated that any meeting can be videoed and explained how the meetings are live streamed on YouTube.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood asked Grant Writer Gus Brunetti the status of a grant for a storm Shelter at CTEC. Mr. Brunetti stated that the grant has been submitted but he has not heard anything about it yet. He stated that Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins is the contact person for that grant and he will check with Mr. Akins about the status and report to Chris Mengarelli at CTEC.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed exit interview letters. Mr. Emerson stated that the letters are sent out from the Fiscal Office and if returned, are returned to the Fiscal Office. He said that any exit interview letters returned are put on the Commissioners desks. Mr. Emerson stated that the department heads will now also be sent a copy of the letter. Commissioner Moody feels the letters should be limited to the Commissioners and the department heads.

Item Eight: Commissioner Blair stated that he and Mr. Emerson met with Communications Director Tim Mikrut yesterday and spoke about developing a portal for the 911 department that will report any issues that arise directly to Mr. Mikrut and the Commissioners. He explained that the problems can be streamlined through this and can be followed up to make sure the problems are tracked and taken care of. Commissioner Blair explained that Mr. Spaur said that it will be very simple setup and the information will need to be sent to all the entities that will be using the portal. Commissioner Wood spoke about complaints not being addressed. Commissioner Blair and Sheriff Smith stated that they both attended the 911 meeting held approximately a month ago it was a very constructive meeting and there were no complaints. Sheriff Smith explained the additional slots that will be available when the new towers are installed in Arma.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson readdressed the federal funds distribution from the Federal Fund Exchange. He presented a listing of some of the big funds received over the last few years for Road & Bridge and explained these funds. There was a discussion of borrowing from the Federal Fund Exchange for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the past.

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On motion (23-142) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Request to Exchange Federal Funds under the Federal-Aid Fund Exchange Master Agreement from The Kansas Department of Transportation with available funds after exchange of \$171,708.75 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-143) 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 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 11:23 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 10:53 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-144) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss fire districts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:33 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 11:13 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:33 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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On motion (23-145) 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 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:49 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 11:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 31, 2023 – Opening of autopsy transportation bids.

Item Two: March 31, 2023 – Zoning Administrator May Smith presenting a new plat and rezoning application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 29, 2023 – 2023 County Commissioner and Road Official Meeting at 9:00 AM at the KDOT Meeting Room in Chanute, Kansas. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

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 [March 24, 2023](#) 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, 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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Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 3/24/2023 11:54 AM/amended BKW 3/24/2023 4:00 PM