

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2026, TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Tuesday, March 24, 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 Carl Wood and Tom Moody 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 (26-145)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 20, 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:

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| Motion 26 | 137 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 17, 2026 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers                         |
| Motion 26 | 138 | To open the Public Hearing to Vacate a Platted Alley located in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas  |
| Motion 26 | 139 | To close the Public Hearing to Vacate a Platted Alley located in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas   |
| Motion 26 | 140 | To adopt Resolution #2026-013, a Resolution closing and vacating a platted alley in the Original Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof |

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| Motion 26 | 141 | To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Maintenance 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 Courthouse Maintenance Aaron Crozier attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:26 AM. The Motion passed 2-0 |
| Motion 26 | 142 | To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Maintenance 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 Courthouse Maintenance Aaron Crozier attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:44 AM. The Motion passed 2-0 |
| Motion 26 | 143 | To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Maintenance 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:11 AM. The Motion passed 2-0  |
| Motion 26 | 144 | To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss nuisance which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Zoning Administrator May Smith present. The open meeting will resume at 11:21 AM. The motion passed 2-0              |

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS  
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD  
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons addressed the Commissioners. He explained there is a high fire danger today, tomorrow will be very high, and extreme fire danger for Thursday due to lack of rain regardless of the wind. He stated all of the fire departments have been super busy. Mr. Parsons stated every morning the Crawford County Emergency Management Facebook page can be checked for burn ban status, call the burn ban hotline at 620-724-6270, or call the county dispatch and they can tell people if they are under a burn ban. He stated individuals can also sign up through the Genasys system for burn ban alerts which come out around 8:00 AM every morning. He asked for residents to please follow the restrictions they have in place to protect themselves and the fire departments. Commissioner Blair asked how they get the information on how to sign up for Genasys and Mr. Parsons answered through the Emergency Management Facebook page or the county website at the very top of the website. Commissioner Wood asked if it could be out on Facebook too and Mr. Parsons explained it is on Emergency Management Facebook page. Commissioner Wood stated he had two phone calls Saturday asking if there was a burn ban and he had to call and ask to find out. Mr. Parsons explained it is not on the generic Crawford County Facebook page and Mr.

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Emerson asked if they could post it to that page too and Mr. Parsons confirmed they could. Commissioner Wood asked why Mr. Parsons cannot post it to the standard Crawford County Facebook page and Mr. Parsons explained he only has access to the Emergency Management page. Mr. Parsons mentioned he just put some burn ban cards in the Crawford County Clerk's office. Commissioner Blair asked about fire size in regards to notifying the fire departments and Mr. Parsons answered. Commissioner Wood asked if there is a burn ban in place and someone starts a fire who is responsible for calling the Sheriff's Department so the individual receives a citation and Mr. Parsons answered.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

**Item One:** Opening of dust control bids. County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned there were two bids submitted. She stated the first bid is from Brisbin Trucking LLC. Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards read the bid aloud. Ms. Lusker stated the second bid is from Scotwood Industries LLC and Ms. Edwards read the bid aloud. Commissioner Wood asked if Scotwood Industries LLC is who they used last year and Ms. Edwards confirmed. Commissioner Blair asked the Commissioners if they want to refer the bids for recommendation and Commissioner Moody stated the bids are what they are and that they first need to determine if they want company ran or county ran. Commissioner Wood stated he wants company ran and Ms. Edwards mentioned she believes they would save money by company ran because they do not have to pay overage. Commissioner Blair asked for clarification on if they would be invoiced for county locations specifically and Ms. Edwards confirmed. Commissioner Wood asked if the county would prepare the roads first and Ms. Edwards explained. Commissioner Wood asked if they are still pushing for June 1st and Ms. Edwards confirmed. Commissioner Blair stated about 6 years ago they were looking in to doing this with the county and always had trouble being on schedule and he believes with company ran that aspect would be better. Commissioner Blair stated he does know the individual with Brisbin Trucking LLC and that he is comfortable that if they contacted him for any problems they would make it right. Commissioner Moody asked the individual to address the Commissioners and asked if he has done dust control before and the individual mentioned this is his first year but that Scotwood Industries has contacted him regarding doing business. He also mentioned he was awarded the Cherokee County bid. He mentioned if he does not find anything he is content with he can purchase chemical from Scotwood Industries. Ms. Lusker asked for this individuals name and he stated his name is Steve Brisbin. Commissioner Blair stated they have trouble every year that as soon as the company begins the dust control people call and ask to be put on the list and that once Scotwood Industries is done and leaves getting them to come back is impossible and Mr. Brisbin stated he would have no trouble coming back. Commissioner Blair discussed Highway 7 closing soon. Commissioner Wood stated he understands Mr. Brisbin is just starting but that there is quite a bit of difference in price and Commissioner Blair stated they could have Ms. Edwards look in to how many gallons were used last year and compare it to the amount of feet they will have to do. Commissioner Wood stated he believes they need to have a work session over this and Commissioner Moody agreed. Commissioner Blair stated if Mr. Brisbin would tell him where they laid their sample down at he will go check it out. Commissioner Wood stated they had an issue two or three years ago that they were not bidding apples for apples and asked if he could tell Ms. Edwards what he plans on spreading and have

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Scotwood Industries do the same. Commissioner Wood asked what they have going on Tuesday and the Commissioners agreed on a work session for 9:30 AM on Tuesday.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS CONTINUED

**Item Two:** Communications Director Tim Mikrut addressed the Commissioners. He stated he was asked here by Commissioner Wood to discuss the storm siren grant. He emailed them yesterday but he received the answer that FEMA is in operational pause which means the government will most likely not be releasing funds for a while. Commissioner Wood asked if they are just completely shut down right now and Mr. Mikrut stated he has discussed with Senator Moran's office to get additional information but that there are issues all over with government shut downs. Commissioner Wood mentioned storm season is coming and he mentioned they have ARPA money that has to be spent by the end of the year and Mr. Emerson confirmed it is about \$40,000 they have set aside for this. Mr. Emerson stated at the very least if they get to the end without grant money they could at least buy outright one storm siren. Mr. Mikrut stated it is all in the hands of FEMA right not to release the funds. Commissioner Wood stated he has people asking him regarding the storm sirens. Mr. Mikrut stated the company that they bid for the project are ready to go as soon as the county tells them to order the items. Mr. Mikrut gave information regarding the school grant they got awhile back and the plans to continue on that as well. He then discussed that a couple months ago he went to Washington DC to represent Crawford County and met with representatives and staff to discuss the needs of not only Crawford County but the State of Kansas in general. Commissioner Wood asked about the money discussed there and Mr. Mikrut explained. Commissioner Wood asked about mapping with the schools and asked about the preschools and Mr. Mikrut explained it was just a K-12 grant.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Communications Director Tim Mikrut requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (26-146)** 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 Communications 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 Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:48 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 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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**Item Two:** Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (26-147)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Sheriff's Department regarding vehicle maintenance 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, Sheriff Billy Tomasi, and Sheriff's Department Human Resource/Finance Officer Adam Harrison attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:17 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

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 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**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:** Ms. Lusker stated Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan provided her with two ARPA invoices for the month. She mentioned since there were only two Ms. Ryan thought the Commissioners could review them in the meeting instead of by work session and save the Commissioners some time. Ms. Lusker explained there are two from Adams Jones Law firm for the Comprehensive Plan and one for EMS which she believes is a training dummy that was purchased from World Point. Commissioner Wood asked how much is left for the law firm and Mr. Emerson stated about \$68,000 to \$70,000 left but he will look for an exact amount.

**On motion (26-148)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for March 2026.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Commissioner Blair asked if there is some sort of audit that will close the ARPA funding out and Mr. Emerson explained the process. Commissioner Moody stated an audit that looks at bills and receipts would be good.

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**Item Two:** Ms. Lusker stated she believes the auditors will be here May 13th for the last year's audit.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson stated Mr. Parsons sent him the Genasys renewal for the year. He stated last year's renewal was \$10,995.00 and this year's renewal is \$7,500.00 which is pretty rare that it is smaller. Mr. Emerson stated Mr. Parsons discussed Genasys today in the meeting.

**On motion (26-149)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the payment to Genasys in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated he received a request from Crawford County Mental Health Director Heather McCully for a letter of support to apply for a Bureau of Justice Assistance Public Safety grant which will help strengthen mental health services for the recovery court system through the 11th Judicial District System. Commissioner Wood asked who is going to write the letter of support and Mr. Emerson explained he has already provided the Commissioners with a copy of the letter of support.

**On motion (26-150)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the letter of support for Crawford County Mental Health for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Public Safety grant.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood stated they used to receive several monthly reports including rock reports, casino reports, landfill reports and he wants to know who is in charge of that. Mr. Emerson stated Treasurer Joe Grisolano will provide the casino report when he asks him to and he believes Ms. Edwards takes care of the rock and landfill reports. Commissioner Wood stated they used to receive these reports every month like clock work and asked if they can have one by the next meeting and then have it monthly and Mr. Emerson stated he will pass that information along.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson stated he will not be at Friday's meeting and he knows it will be busy. He stated Thursday night is the Zoning Public Hearing with an emphasis on wind, solar, and renewable energy. He also mentioned Mr. John Copyak and Mr. Boris Feldman from Shasta Power will be attending Friday's Commission meeting.

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**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a Travel Policy Resolution and policy. Mr. Emerson stated he had one department with feedback, that he appreciates the feedback, and wanted to make clear that occasionally there are grant requirements that the department has to abide by that would be different from the policy so he has included that in the policy. Commissioner Wood stated he would like to read this over and readdress it on Tuesday and Mr. Emerson stated that is not a problem. Commissioner Wood asked if this states that individuals have to fill out forms before their trip and Mr. Emerson explained it requires one form to be filled out for travel authorization prior to the trip and then one form for expenses after the trip. Commissioner Blair asked if he would be required to fill out a form for the trip he makes to Chanute monthly for a meeting and Mr. Emerson stated he could but if it is under 50 miles there is really no reimbursement. Commissioner Blair asked if he is not looking for reimbursement does he have to fill out the form and Mr. Emerson confirmed if an individual is not looking for reimbursement then no form is required.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (26-151)** 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 EMS 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 11:33 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: March 27, 2026-** Opening of chip and seal oil bids.

**Item Two: March 27, 2026-** Mr. John Copyak and Mr. Boris Feldman with Shasta Power discussing solar project.

**Item Three: March 31, 2026- 8 :30 AM** Work Session to sign bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Four: March 31, 2026- 9:30 AM** Work Session to discuss dust control bids.

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**Item Five: April 7, 2026- 9:00 AM** Work Session at the Pittsburg Judicial Center.

**Item Six: April 7, 2026-** The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: March 26, 2026- 5:30 PM** Planning and Zoning Public Hearing located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Crawford County Courthouse.

### 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, 2026](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:55 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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

[Taken RJA 3/26/2026 1:15 PM/amended BKW 3/26/26 1:30 PM](#)