

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **EIGHTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, Marh 5, 2024 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (24-120)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 1, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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 24	110	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 27, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	111	To open the Public Hearing on the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan 5-year update
Motion 24	112	To close the Public Hearing on the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan 5-year update

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Motion 24	113	To approve the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan update as presented
Motion 24	114	To approve the February 2024 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 24	115	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Scott Cuthbertson and to request a refund in the amount of \$203.98 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$705.70 from the 2022 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	116	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss GIS and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Mr. Coby Hinton and to reconvene by 10:52 AM
Motion 24	117	To approve the petition for the county to provide for the apportionment of the cost of completed improvements of the streets noted in the petition in Quail Hollow Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	118	To approve the transfer of \$61,000 out of Road and Bridge fund in to the Equipment Reserve fund
Motion 24	119	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss emergency management and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins, and to reconvene by 11:24 AM

### 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 THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood mentioned he has received several phone calls in regards to the land use and public meeting coming up. He mentioned he has tried to inform these people of the public meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood asked County Counselor Jim Emerson if he has heard anything in regards to a Highway 69 Association meeting in May and Mr. Emerson answered that he has not heard anything about an upcoming meeting with Highway 69 Association but that he has heard of KDOT having their first meeting in regards to the corridor in May. Mr. Emerson got the document that KDOT handed out at the Highway 69 Association meeting and mentioned that the first meeting for KDOT will be in May 2024 and this meeting will be to discuss public input and data collection.

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair stated he reached out to Watco to discuss the intersection around a half of a mile south of Cherokee and that he will be collaborating with them on possible solutions for the issue in this area. Commissioner Wood mentioned the input of passing lanes and that 190<sup>th</sup> will be blocked off and traffic will be directed through Hepler. Commissioner Wood asked Commissioner Blair if he has contact numbers because he could use them for a couple of roads in Pittsburg. Commissioner Blair said he would get him the contact information.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson visited with IT Director Brandon Spaur in regards to being able to televise the public meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> if it were to be held in the court room just as they do all of the other public meetings. Mr. Emerson said Mr. Spaur is working on this issue to make sure this can be done, and Mr. Emerson mentioned he believes the court room will be the best location because it sounds as if the meeting is going to have a large turnout. He mentioned the Canvass will be at 9:00 AM and then they will move up to the courtroom for the meeting at 10:00 AM.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated he has sent out two mowing bids and he has added in the two buildings that go along with the courthouse. He mentioned he has also published this in the paper three times but has not heard or received anything. He also discussed the bids for the storage building and that he has not received anything for this either.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-121)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss 911 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:26 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 10:16 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (24-122)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship to discuss Crawford County Sewer District #4 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:29 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 10:19 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (24-123)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss contracts for spraying bugs and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:33 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 10:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:31 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: March 8, 2024** – Honorable Lori Fleming Chief Judge for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District discussing Drug Court MOU.

**Item Two: March 8, 2024** – Opening of bids on Storage Building.

**Item Three: March 8, 2024** – Opening of bids for foundation work on communications tower near Arma.

**Item Four: March 8, 2024 – 9:00 AM** Work session with SEKCAP regarding Large Childcare.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [March 5, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:33 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 RJA 3/7/2024 1:40 PM/amended BKW 1:45 PM