

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, EIGHTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, March 7, 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 (23-110) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the March 3, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion 23, 109, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 28, 2023 minutes

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Will Morris, Wildcat Extension District addressed the Commissioners in reference to a CDBG Grant. He stated that the district is wanting to apply for a grant to

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update the Marvin Green Building at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Blair stated that each city in the county can apply for 1 grant and the county can sponsor 2 grants. Mr. Morris stated that the scope of the grants are sidewalks, community buildings and libraries. He explained that the match for the grant is almost secured and the applications are due in May. He informed the Commissioners of the work needed on the Marvin Green Building. The Commissioners see no issues with the Wildcat Extension District applying for this grant. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he has already spoken to County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti about this and he is willing to help in anyway. Commissioner Blair suggested they get in touch with Regional Planning Commission also.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on April 11, 2023. He explained where the area is located and there are 3 streets involved. He stated that most of the property involves 1 owner but there is a 2nd owner that owns a small portion and both landowners are in favor of the vacate.

On motion (23-111) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on April 11, 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented an Invitation to Bid for the removal and transportation of deceased person from Crawford County to Kansas City, Kansas when an autopsy has been ordered. He stated that County Coroner Adam Paoni has requested the bids and he has approved the Invitation to Bid. He explained the bid to the Commissioners. He stated that the county had contracted the transportation services through First Call since 2012 and First Call notified the County in the middle of last year that they were no longer providing this service. Mr. Emerson stated that since that time, local funeral homes were contacted to do the transports. He said that Dr. Paoni felt it was time to take the services out to bid.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that there will be a work session on Friday at 9:00 AM with Zoning Administrator May Smith to address nuisance regulations.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a letter and an invoice for membership dues from the Kansas County Commissioners Association. He stated that the letter states that the annual conference is set for April 25-27, 2023 in Hays, Kansas. He explained that the membership dues are \$770.00 and that amount is based on population.

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On motion (23-112) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve payment to the Kansas County Commissioners Association for membership dues in the amount of \$770.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: IT Director Brandon Spaur requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-113) 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 cyber insurance and time clocks and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:48 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 10:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Five: Commissioner Blair addressed cyber insurance renewal.

On motion (23-114) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Cyber Insurance renewal through Wood Insurance Center LLC and authorize IT Director Brandon Spaur to increase liability coverage if premium is reasonable.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Commissioner Moody addressed the trash issue on 69 Highway. He said that we have reached out to the State and have not received any assistance. Commissioner Blair stated that there is the same problem with trash on Hwy 7 also. Commissioner Moody noted the trash at the buffalo pens on 69 Hwy and stated that this happened yesterday. He said it seemed like progress was being made on cleanup and this issue

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yesterday was a huge step backwards. Commissioner Wood stated that he is going to contact the Kansas Department of Transportation about this issue and Commissioner Moody stated that he will reach out to the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners discussed contacting organizations for assistance and possibly paying to have the trash picked up. Commissioner Wood stated that Mr. Matt Sanders from Oak Grove landfill needs to be involved in this issue.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood stated that there is a camera on the radio tower by the Freeto Building and that camera is pointing directly on the District #3 building. He stated that he wants to know who put the camera there and who has the access to the app that views the camera. Commissioner Blair stated that Communications Director Tim Mikrut should have those answers. Mr. Emerson stated that the camera has been there for some time and was possibly put there when there were issues with theft at the buildings.

Item Eight: Commissioner Moody asked about the status of the improvements to the south end of the Freeto Building. The Commissioners would like to have Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz attend the meeting on Friday to discuss this issue.

Item Nine: Commissioner Wood addressed an exit interview letter from the Health Department. He requested an executive session to discuss this issue.

Item Ten: Commissioner Wood discussed asphalt bids.

Item Eleven: Commissioner Wood discussed bidding out the work on the courthouse lawn. The Commissioners stated that they will address this issue Friday with Mr. Gorentz. Commissioner Wood discussed the exterior lighting at the courthouse and Commissioner Moody discussed the exterior lighting at the Judicial Center and both these issues will be discussed with Mr. Gorentz on Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker requested that the Commissioners approve the February 2023 Clerk's Report. She explained the changes in expenditures for the Road & Bridge Department.

On motion (23-115) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the February 2023 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a Letter of Support for Miner's Hall Museum for a tourism grant application from ARPA funds through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Mr. Emerson explained how the museum plans to use these funds.

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On motion (23-116) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Letter of Support for an ARPA tourism grant application for Miner's Hall Museum.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Sanders will be available to attend the meeting on Tuesday. The Commissioners decided to move the work session with Ms. Smith scheduled for Friday to Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM and to schedule a work session with Mr. Sanders on Friday at 9:00 AM. Mr. Emerson will contact Mr. Sanders to see if he will be available at 9:00 AM on Friday.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair addressed the Hwy 7 project through KDOT and requested that Mr. Emerson find out the letting date on this project so plans can start being made on detours and dust control.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair addressed the NextEra Energy project. He discussed the changes to the transmission line infrastructure and stated that the County has until March 9, 2023 to submit comments to NextEra on the Commissioners thoughts on the project. Mr. Emerson will input the Commissioners comments into NextEra's portal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-117) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:37 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 11:07 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-118) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more

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than 15 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:40 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 11:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Twelve: Mr. Emerson discussed appointing a commissioner to sit on the Mental Health Governing Board. The Commissioners decided to appoint Commissioner Wood to that board.

On motion (23-119) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Commissioner Carl Wood to the Crawford County Mental Health Governing Board.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill.

Item Two: March 14, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith to discuss nuisance regulations.

Item Three: March 24, 2023 – Opening of culvert bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 7, 2023 – Republican Meeting. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Two: March 8, 2023 – Meeting with Ms. Amy Marshall from US Senator Roger Marshall's Office and their military liaison representative at 1:00 PM at the Root Coffee House in Pittsburg. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

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Item Three: March 9, 2023 -- LEPC meeting with 911 meeting to follow starting at 8:00 AM at the Girard Medical Center.

Item Four: March 20, 2023 – City/County Luncheon from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

Item Five: March 21, 2023 – Mr. Brady Hill & Frontenac High School Senior Class touring the Courthouse and attending Commission Meeting.

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 7, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:45 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 3/7/2023 11:45 AM/amended BKW 3/9/2023 9:00 AM