Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2026, THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, May 05, 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

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

Vice Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (26-223) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the May 01, 2026 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair
The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 26	216	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 28, 2026 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 26	217	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 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 10:30 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	218	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 10:41 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	219	To adopt Resolution #2026-019, a Resolution prohibiting the operation of trucks and commercial vehicles on a portion of 250th street, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 26	220	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Road and Bridge Department 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:12 AM. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	221	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding insurance 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:27 AM. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	222	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss EMS 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 11:37 AM. The Motion passed 3-0

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

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

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker brought up the budget process and stated she had marked a tentative work session regarding budget requests for May 19th. She asked the Commissioners if this is something they are wanting to get set and Commissioner Wood stated the sooner the better. Commissioner Wood asked if Ms. Lusker can see if the

Commissioners can receive a list of carry over for each department and Mr. Emerson stated he believes he has some of this information for the Commissioners. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Wood agreed to a work session on May 19th at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he provided the Commissioners with information from Ms. Sarah Runyon with Explore Crawford County. He mentioned they wanted to be sure the Commissioners were invited to the event on Thursday morning in honor of National Traveling and Tourism Week. Mr. Emerson stated it is a Chamber Coffee at the Miner's Hall Museum in Franklin at 8:00 AM on May 7th.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson provided the Commissioners with some budget carry over information. He explained these carry over amounts by the departments to the Commissioners. Commissioner Moody stated overall it looks pretty good and Mr. Emerson confirmed. Commissioner Wood asked for clarification on actual carry over and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Wood stated he knows all three Commissioners are concerned with the budget and getting it under control. Commissioner Moody stated he is on a board with 10 other counties and that they seem to be dealing with the same problem as well. Commissioner Wood stated what he believes hurt them as a whole was ARPA funding. Mr. Emerson stated he believes the biggest issue for everyone is increasing costs and when it started.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (26-224) of Commissioner Wood and second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding ghost properties 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 10:27 AM. The motion passed 2-0.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair
The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:27 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 (26-225) of Commissioner Wood and second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to

discuss legal advice regarding 911 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 10:40 AM. The motion passed 2-0.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair
The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 19, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss budgets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 7, 2026- 8:00 AM Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Coffee at Miner's Hall Museum in Franklin. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Two: May 7, 2026- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM 11th Judicial District Recovery Court Graduation located at 3015 N Michigan Street in Pittsburg. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Three: May 7, 2026- 6:00 PM Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. One or more Commissioners 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 May 05, 2026 meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:42 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood
Nays:
Present but not voting:
Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair
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 5/06/26 4:25 PM/amended BKW 5/7/26 10:00 AM