

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, May 2, 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 Tom Moody and Carl Wood was 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 (23-192) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 28, 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:

Motion 23	186	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 25, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	187	To open the Public Hearing on vacating platted street & platted alleys in Paul Onelio's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	188	To close the Public Hearing on vacating platted street & platted alleys in Paul Onelio's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	189	To adopt Resolution #2023-010, A Resolution on vacating platted street & platted alleys in Paul Onelio's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	190	To approve the Restorative Justice Authority Grants as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 23	191	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:47 AM
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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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Ms. Alyssa Edwards, Road & Bridge Coordinator stated that KDOT has announced that they are issuing a call for projects for the bridge program for 2024-2025 for the Off-System and RS Bridges. She explained that she spoke to Cook Flatt and Strobel Engineers, who does the county's bridge inspections and they provided a list of 4 Off-System Bridges and 4 RS Bridges they feel could qualify for the programs. She presented the Commissioners with a map that included the specified bridges identified and pictures of the bridges from the bridge report. Ms. Edwards also presented the Crawford County Bridge Inventory and Appraisal with the recommended bridges marked for both the RS Bridges and Off System Bridges. She explained the qualifications for each project. She stated that these programs are 85/15 match. She said that there are no restrictions on the number of bridges that can be submitted. The Commissioners discussed other bridges that they would like to include in the request. Ms. Edwards stated that Cook Flatt and Strobel Engineers will assist her with the applications and she will start on the applications today.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented a letter of resignation from Mr. Tim Mikrut resigning his position as Grant Township Trustee explaining that he has moved out of the township. She also presented a letter from Mr. Mark Rose, Grant Township Treasurer and Mr. Mark Strasser, Grant Township Clerk requesting that the Commissioners appoint Ms. Lindsey Coester, a resident of Grant Township, to the position of Grant Township Trustee.

On motion (23-193) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the resignation of Mr. Tim Mikrut as Grant Township Trustee.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (23-194) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Ms. Lindsey Coester as Grant Township Trustee.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker presented the April 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of April. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the March 2023 to April 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners reviewed the reports.

On motion (23-195) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the April 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 Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an agreement with Jarred Gilmore & Phillips for the 2022 auditing services for Crawford County. He explained that the fee is \$29,500 for the main base audit with an extra \$5,000 if a single audit is needed.

On motion (23-196) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the agreement with Jarred Gilmore & Phillips for 2022 auditing services and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented the Pathway for Success Quarterly Grant Budget Amendment Report and Signatory Approval for Community Corrections. He stated that these are unexpended funds from fiscal year 2022. Mr. Emerson explained what the unexpended funds will be used for. Commissioner Wood was answered that this is 100% grant funds.

On motion (23-197) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Pathway for Success Quarterly Grant Budget Amendment Report and Signatory Approval for Community Corrections and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented the bid for asphalt from Heckert Construction Co Inc. and the contract for asphalt for 2023 between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co., Inc. He explained that the county partners with the City of Pittsburg on bidding the asphalt and only one bid was received.

On motion (23-198) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the bid for asphalt from Heckert Construction Co Inc. and the contract for asphalt for 2023 between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co., Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Mr. Emerson presented information from Sign Foreman Dale Shireman for sign posts for the department. He explained that Mr. Shireman received 2 bids for the sign posts, Barco Municipal Products and National Sign Company and National Sign Company was the low bidder.

On motion (23-199) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the bid from National Sign Company for sign posts and for the Sign Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed setting a time frame for reporting Work Comp claims. The Commissioners discuss implementing a time frame of 48 hours to report claims to supervisors. The Commissioners also discussed the issue of drug testing on work comp claims. The Commissioners will readdress this issue at a later date.

Item Eight: Commissioner Blair stated that he will be attending a SEK Regional Planning Commission Committee Meeting on Thursday.

Item Nine: Commissioner Blair discussed valuation and personal property increases that were discussed in the KCCA meetings in Hays. He discussed the Homestead program through the State of Kansas that can taxpayers can apply for to see if they could qualify to receive a refund on the amount of taxes they paid and listed a few of the qualifications for the program. Ms. Lusker explained that if a taxpayer files income taxes they can have their preparer do their Homestead return and if taxpayers are not required to file income taxes, the County Clerk's Office can assist in filing the Homestead returns.

OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Commissioner Wood discussed issues with the truck that the employees normally use when taking their CDL test and he is working on this issue.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair presented a list he received from Shop Foreman Josh Peak of equipment and vehicles to sell on Purple Wave. He spoke about the waiting time after ordering a truck. Commissioner Blair also presented a quote on a Caterpillar Excavator from Foley Equipment and stated that the excavator is in stock and on hold and a decision needs to be made. The Commissioner will readdress this issue at a later date after checking into the financing. The Commissioners discussed the Purple Wave list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 5, 2023 – 10:00 AM Representatives from KDOT addressing 160 Highway.

Item Two: May 9, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Dr. Jacqueline Youtsos, Ms. Ann Elliott and Mr. Ron Scripsick to address ARPA funding for large child care facilities.

Item Three: May 12, 2023 – Mr. Quentin Holmes discussing housing survey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 2, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:46 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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken [BKW 5/2/2022 10:46 AM/amended BKW 5/3/2023 2:30 PM](#)