

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **THIRTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, May 3, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

Director Fiscal Services Randi Ryan 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 (24-220) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **April 30, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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 24	215	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 26, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	216	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building or facility or the information system of a public body or agency, if the discussion of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize the security of such public body, agency, building, facility, or information system to

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		discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Brandon Spaur, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:24 AM
Motion 24	217	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 Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
Motion 24	218	To approve the Fiscal Year 2025 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	219	To approve the asphalt contract with Emery Sapp & Sons and authorize the Chairman to sign

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

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Glenn Peak from Cherokee, Kansas addressed the Commissioners in reference to solar panels and Heartland Electric. He discussed the information that people receive about Heartland Electric and that he believes it is misinformation that they are receiving. Commissioner Moody asked if Mr. Peak was speaking about individual home owners and Mr. Peak confirmed that he is. Commissioner Wood said he believes scams have been going around. Commissioner Blair mentioned some areas will buy electricity back but at a cheaper rate and that he will call Heartland Electric himself to gather some information in regards to this. County Counselor Jim Emerson provided Mr. Peak with the Attorney General's Office number to report this. Mr. Peak also spoke about mail boxes on county right of ways. He asked if one of those mail boxes get hit who will be responsible and Mr. Emerson mentioned both the homeowner and the county would be held accountable. Mr. Peak mentioned he believes all of these mailboxes need to be made breakaway and that it cannot be done that way if someone has brick and concrete mailboxes. Commissioner Blair explained it can be done with brick and concrete as a result of how the bottom layer of the mailbox is crafted. Mr. Peak went back to wind and solar panels and that something needs to be in place that after the wind turbines or solar panel expires that they are cleaned up appropriately and the Commissioners stated there is something in place for the wind turbines.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti addressed the Commissioners in reference to grants available. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Brunetti about the conference he attended and if he felt it was beneficial and Mr. Brunetti answered that he did learn a bit and that he noticed a lot of grants were for cyber security as well. He mentioned one

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thing he discovered is they have added the Bill of Kansas Fund which he explained as a match source for smaller communities. Mr. Brunetti stated most of those grants are a 75% to 25% match so that they could apply through the smaller communities to save some money. He gave information in regards to a few other grants as well as what they are used for. Mr. Emerson mentioned looking into the grant that improves bridges. Mr. Brunetti is going to look into this grant as well as the information needed for it. Commissioner Blair asked about the Emergency Management grant that helps with flooding and Mr. Brunetti said he will look into that and contact Commissioner Blair. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Brunetti could make a list of the grants he just listed and he answered that yes he can.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-221) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss grants and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti and to reconvene by 10:32 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:22 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Director of Fiscal Service Randi Ryan presented the April 2024 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. Ryan also gave the Commissioners a copy of the March 2024 to April 2024 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Commissioner Blair asked about Mental Health's payroll and Ms. Ryan explained. Commissioner Wood asked if we will be doing Mental Health's payroll in May and she answered yes we will but that will be the final month. Commissioner Wood asked about the insurance on Mental Health buildings and Mr. Emerson mentioned he is finalizing a deed and needs a little more time to make sure he has everything correct.

On motion (24-222) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Blair to approve the April 2024 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (24-223) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners reconvened the Open Session at 10:37 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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

On motion (24-224) 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 than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:48 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 45 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-225) 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 than 45 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and to reconvene by 11:29 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:44 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned the auditors are present today if the Commissioners would like to stop by and speak with them. He stated he appreciates that they are here early on in the year and that things seem positive.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented a request from the Homer Cole Center specifically for ARPA money. He mentioned the letter he presented breaks down what this center does on a regular basis. Mr. Emerson explains the county owns the building and leases it. Mr. Emerson stated the request is for the air vent units and asking about \$12,800 to help with this work they would like done. Commissioner Blair asked if this is a list of what they want done or what they have done and Mr. Emerson explained the list is what they have repaired on their own throughout the years. Commissioner Wood asked if this is to replace an air unit and Mr. Emerson confirmed. Commissioners agreed they would like to see the bids before making any decisions and Mr. Emerson stated he will get a copy of them.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson announced presenting Resolution #2024-007 to propose a moratorium. He provided the Commissioners a copy to look over and stated he will present it on Tuesday, May 7th. Mr. Emerson stated he combined several components and even used a resolution from Labette County to draft this resolution.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated Zoning Administrator May Smith is reviewing the bids for the consultant bids received and that they will hopefully have a recommendation for the Commissioners next Friday.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody brought up the building they were considering for the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Blair said he discussed with Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz scaling back the project and that he will discuss this with County Clerk Lisa Lusker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Four: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-226) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss Road and Bridge and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:49 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:39 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:47 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (24-227) 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 than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss billing packets and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 12:02 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:47 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: May 7, 2024 – 9:30 AM Work Session with the 3 Road Foremen to discuss oil for the chip and seal.

Item Two: May 10, 2024 – Mr. Charles Bowers, KDHE Engineer, regarding landfill transfer permit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 14, 2024 – Southeast Kansas District 4 County Commissioners and Road Officials Meeting hosted by Neosho County at the KDOT District 4 Complex, Chanute, KS from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Two: May 14, 2024- The Regular Session of Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Commissioners attending the Southeast Kansas District 4 County Commissioners and Road Officials Meeting.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [May 3, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:54 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.

Randi Ryan

Director of Fiscal Services

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken RJA 05/06/2024 11:30 AM/amended BKW 5/6/2024 12:05 PM](#)