

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **EIGHTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, November 1, 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.

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 (24-460) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 29, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody and Blair

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	456	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 25, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	457	To approve the Letter of Support for General Public Transportation to SEK-CAP, Inc and the Letter of Commitment for local matching funds for General Public Transportation in the amount of \$16,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	458	To approve the letter of support for the Coordinated Transit District #10 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 24	459	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss construction bids and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 AM
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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 THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the October 2024 Clerk's report. She provided the Commissioners with a copy and explained the report. She also presented the Commissioners a copy of the September 2024 to October 2024 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison.

On motion (24-461) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the October 2024 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: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Commissioners with a Thank You Note from Heather Bush, PSU Career Development. He read the note to the Commissioners.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that Crawford County Fire District #3 has requested a purchasing card with a \$2,500 limit through GNBANK.

On motion (24-462) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve a purchasing card for Crawford County Fire District #3 with a credit limit of \$2,500 through GNBANK.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented an Urban Area Boundary Approval Resolution to Establish Urban Area Boundary Lines from the City of Pittsburg. He informed the Commissioners that he is presenting this today for their review and will readdress this on Tuesday for approval. He explained any area over 5,000 residents is considered an urban area and KDOT has asked the City of Pittsburg in conjunction with Crawford County and the City of Frontenac to designate an urban boundary line. He stated that the urban boundary line is for KDOT use only for federal funding and allows the County to apply for grant funding. He explained the document to the Commissioners.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair reported on the presentation by Senator Moran on Tuesday at Pittsburg that he attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated that in person early voting in the County Clerk's Office closes at 12:00 noon on Monday, November 4, 2024 and the office will be open until 4:00 PM today for early voting.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson informed the Commissioner that Ms. Becky Gray, Executive Director of Building Health Inc. will be attending the meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 to discuss the request for a Letter of Support.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented a speed limit study that was done on a road in Commissioner Moody's district which is 630th Ave west of 69 Highway, 500 block, 600 block and part of the 700 block up to 69 Highway. He explained that this area is currently 55 mph. Commissioner Moody would like a recommendation on the speed limit from the Sheriff's Department.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson discussed the preliminary survey for the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he received an email from Judy Prince and he forwarded that to the county's consultant Josh Albin and he has not received a response from Mr. Albin and he would rather not move forward until he hears back from Mr. Albin. Mr. Emerson said he will hopefully have information for Tuesday's meeting. Commissioner Wood discussed the survey and some concerns he had with participation and Mr. Emerson explained that there would be marketing techniques and Mr. Albin will know pretty quickly if there is a good response and the possibly spend money on advertising and more direct ways to get the people involved as a good participation rate is necessary. There was a discussion on survey drop out locations throughout the county. Commissioner Wood also discussed having meeting with the public to discuss the survey. Commissioner Blair stated that this survey is not just wind and solar and every part of the survey is important. There was a discussion on zoned and unzoned areas of the county. Mr. Emerson will contact Mr. Albin and acquire additional information on the survey.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Judy Prince addressed the Commissioners discussed a fire in Fredericktown, Missouri at a recycling facility for lithium ion batteries from solar systems and stated she was concerned with this happening in Crawford County.

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Item Two: Ms. Becky Willard addressed the Commissioners and stated that her group is formally requesting a town/county meeting to discuss zoning and other issues before filling out the surveys. She stated that this meeting needs to be held in the evening for the working residents. Commissioner Blair stated that he would not feel comfortable explaining the zoning as he is not an expert and it should be done by the consultant. There was a discussion on zoning in other counties in Kansas. Ms. Willard stated this survey is something new for the citizens of the county and she is not sure that the people will take it seriously due to the survey being too long and the people not understanding the survey and not wanting to pay the postage to send it back. Commissioner Wood stated he believes Mr. Joshua Albin is very smart and knows what he is doing with the survey. Commissioner Blair mentioned this can affect everyone in the county and these projects could happen anywhere in the county. Ms. Willard asked to have Mr. Albin attend another meeting. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson to follow up with Mr. Albin to see if he can attend a meeting to answer some questions. Commissioner Blair discussed the process of the survey. Ms. Willard asked if people only partially fill out the survey will it still be accepted and Mr. Emerson answered it will still be accepted.

Item Three: Ms. Judy Prince addressed the Commissioners again. She discussed zoning and how she now believes it may be one of the only ways to protect them from wind and solar. Commissioner Wood asked Ms. Prince how she would feel if someone wanted to build housing near her home and she explained. Commissioner Blair asked about the process with a housing development and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Blair mentioned not everything has to go through zoning that someone wants to put on their property and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Wood discussed property lines. Ms. Prince stated she appreciates the Comprehensive Plan but does not understand why they cannot just go ahead and do zoning. Mr. Emerson explained zoning does require an updated Comprehensive Plan and elaborated on this. Ms. Prince expressed concern regarding the landfill currently being used and the waste coming from outside of the county and Commissioner Moody mentioned they do have KDHE regulations. Ms. Prince asked how this is policed and Mr. Emerson answered by KDHE. Commissioner Wood explained this as well.

Item Four: Mr. Ross Martinson addressed the Commissioners. He discussed carbon pipelines. Mr. Martinson discussed the Fredericktown, Missouri fire that was previously discussed and a fire that took place around here. He also mentioned the battery storage for solar panels.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Five: Mr. Emerson discussed concrete bids from March 2024 for the Arma Tower. He explained they received two bids and will be contacting the companies to rebid on the project. Commissioner Blair asked what his timeline is and Mr. Emerson stated he would like to have the bids in a week if they can. Commissioner Moody asked if Mr. Emerson was looking for a motion to rebid and Mr. Emerson confirmed.

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On motion (24-463) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve requesting resubmittal of concrete bids on the Arma Tower project from the companies that previously bid.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Commissioner Moody confirmed with Mr. Emerson that this is the month they are supposed to receive their dump truck and Mr. Emerson confirmed. Mr. Emerson stated he has not heard anything different on that.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 5, 2024- Ms. Becky Grey, CHCSEK/Building Health Inc., discussing a letter of support.

Item Two: November 15, 2024 - 9:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2024 General Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Three: November 15, 2024- Honorable Lori A. Bolton Fleming, Chief Judge, 11th Judicial District of Kansas and Daniel S. Creitz, Chief Compliance Officer SEK/CHC discussing Recovery Court update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [November 1, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:07 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.

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Lisa Lusker
County Clerk



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken RJA 11/6/24 10:30 AM/amended BKW 11/6/24 4:00 PM](#)