

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **EIGHTY-FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, November 12, 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 (24-468)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 8, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, 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	464	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 1, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	465	To approve the letter support for Building Health Inc.'s General Public Transportation and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	466	To remove the burn ban placed on October 25, 2024
Motion 24	467	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets located in Starina's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## 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 THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Zoning Administrator May Smith addressed the Commissioners presenting 2 Planning and Zoning cases. She stated that the first case is Countryview Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. Ms. Smith said that the Zoning and Planning Board met on October 17, 2024 to hear this case and the plat was presented by Mr. Steve Kuplen. She explained where the addition is located and where the other additions Mr. Kuplen has developed are located. She stated that Mr. Kuplen is going to work in phases and explained the phases. Ms. Smith stated that there is a homeowner's association and that association maintains the current road and the new addition will join with the current association in maintaining new roads. She discussed drainage issues. There was lengthy discussion on the roads within the addition and County Counselor Jim Emerson explained that with a homeowner's association the roads will be private roads and will not be maintained by the county. Ms. Smith spoke about the restrictive covenants for the addition. She stated that all homes will be on natural gas and septic systems. Commissioner Moody was answered that there were no complaints against the subdivision. Ms. Smith presented Resolution #2024-035, A Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as Country View Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition filed by 4K Property Development Inc and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the proposed development. Mr. Emerson requested that Ms. Smith add a clause to the resolution in reference to the roads and return for the Commissioners' approval.

Ms. Smith presented a conditional land use request filed by the City of Girard. She explained that the City currently has a water treatment plant at the intersection of 180<sup>th</sup> Street and 560<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that plant has reached the final end of its life span. She stated that the city purchased 12 acres at 292 S 150<sup>th</sup> St, Girard and the City's plan is to install a new water treatment plant for the citizens of Girard. Ms. Smith explained the details of the request and stated that the City received some grant funding in which part of the funds will be used for the new plant. Commissioner Moody was answered that there was no opposition. Ms. Smith presented Resolution #2024-036, A Resolution to amend, change or modify the existing use of the property located at 292 S 150<sup>th</sup> St, Girard KS owned by the City of Girard and to request a conditional land use for the construction and operation of a new Water Treatment Plant which will rezone the property from Agricultural to Commercial.

**On motion (24-469)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2024-036, A Resolution to amend, change or modify the existing use of the property located at 292 S 150<sup>th</sup> St, Girard KS owned by the City of Girard and to request a conditional land use for the construction and operation of a new Water Treatment Plant which will rezone the property from Agricultural to Commercial.  
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

## Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Communication Director Tim Mikrut requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-470)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:43 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

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 10:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS continued

**Item One continued:** Ms. Smith returned with Resolution #2024-035 with the requested amendment added. There was a discussion on the amendment.

**On motion (24-471)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2024-035, A Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as Country View Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition filed by 4K Property Development Inc and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the proposed development.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

## Board of Crawford County Commissioners

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented the Urban Area Boundary Approval Resolution to Establish Urban Area Boundary Lines from the City of Pittsburg. He explained that this boundary is for KDOT purposes only and allows the City of Pittsburg and the City of Frontenac working with Crawford County to access additional federal and state funds for urban designation. He stated that the boundaries were last established in 2014 and the new boundaries are very similar.

**On motion (24-472)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Urban Area Boundary Approval Resolution to Establish Urban Area Boundary Lines 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 Two:** Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2024-037, A Resolution of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2025. Mr. Emerson stated that this Resolution is done yearly and explained the Resolution and said that last year 5 individuals participated in the plan and it was around \$7,000. He explained that the county budgeted \$10,000 in matching funds last year and this year it is the same amount.

**On motion (24-473)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2024-037, A Resolution of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2025.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson discussed the Greenbush ARPA administrative contract with the County which ends December 20, 2024 and Greenbush has contacted him about a renewal. He explained that the ARPA funding is now down to reporting and being ready for audits. Mr. Emerson suggested working on some terms of the contract and readdress at a later date in order to finalize the ARPA spending. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody addressed the parking lot the County put in for the ATC building and stated that another parking lot has been requested. He said that he will find out what is needed and address at a later date.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody discussed the condition of the pond at Mental Health and what can be done to correct the problem.

**OLD BUSINESS**

## Board of Crawford County Commissioners

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented an agreement between Crawford County and the State of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for the Emergency Solutions Grant. He explained the grant and stated the grant approval is for \$22,362 and the administrative rate is \$602 and the grant period runs from July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. He explained how the county is the subrecipient for the grant for Safehouse.

**On motion (24-474)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Housing Notice of Financial Award & Grant Agreement Kansas Emergency Solution Grant 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 Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that the road & bridge employees have been hauling free dirt for the landfill from Pitt Plastics in Pittsburg and he appreciates their hard work and we were fortunate to receive the dirt.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson addressed sheriff schooling for the Sheriff Elect Billy Tomasi. He gave information on the schooling and listed the expenses of registration in the amount of \$1,000, hotel expense in the amount of \$643.65 for each for 2 sessions and some incidentals and mileage. Mr. Emerson stated that the plan is to pay for the registration and hotel on direct bill. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Tomasi could use his county credit card for incidentals and Mr. Emerson stated that should not be an issue as long as there are receipts.

**On motion (24-475)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve paying for the cost of registration and hotel costs for Sheriff Elect Billy Tomasi to attend sheriff schooling and to approve Mr. Tomasi's use of Commissioner Carl Wood's county credit card for incidentals during the schooling.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood addressed Mr. Josh Albin attending the Commission meeting on November 19, 2024 and requested that the public meeting held on November 19, 2024 in the Courtroom on the 3rd Floor of the County Courthouse start at 5:30 PM. Mr. Emerson will check with IT Director Brandon Spaur in reference to streaming the meeting. Mr. Emerson stated that this meeting should be run by Mr. Albin to answer any questions and concerns about the survey.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair stated that he just received a request from the Girard Chamber of Commerce to put battery operated candles in the Courthouse windows for Christmas. The Commissioners requested that Ms. Lusker be the contact person for the chamber.

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

**Item Three: November 19, 2024-** Mr. Joshua Albin discussing Comprehensive Plan.

**Item Four: December 6, 2024- 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Streets located in Starina's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [November 12, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 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

◇

**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken BKW 11/14/24 1:30 PM