

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **EIGHTY-FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, November 14, 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 were 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 (23-463) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 3, 2023** 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 23	459	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 31, 2023 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 23	460	To approve the October 2023 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 23	461	To approve the letter of support for the Coordinated Transit District #10 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	462	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 regarding the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:51 AM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: IT Director Brandon Spaur requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss security measures related to public body information systems.

On motion (23-464) 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 30 minutes to discuss security measures related to public body information systems and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Brandon Spaur and Craw-Kan employees Mario Valenzuela & Lucas Stansbury and to reconvene by 10:35 AM.

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 10:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:33 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Mark E Smith and to request an abatement in the amount of \$37.58 from the 2022 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the trailer was never registered or stored in Crawford County.

On motion (23-465) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Mark E Smith and to request an abatement in the amount of \$37.58 from the 2022 tax rolls 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: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented Tax Roll Corrections, correcting errors in the assessing of Severed Minerals owned by Missouri Improvement Company and to request a refund in the amount of \$10.30 from the 2020 tax rolls, the amount of \$10.06 from the 2021 tax rolls, and the amount of \$9.87 from the 2022 Tax Rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the

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minerals should have been in the name of Crawford County due to Sheriff's Deed filed several years ago.

On motion (23-466) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting errors in the assessing of Severed Minerals owned by Missouri Improvement Company and to request a refund in the amount of \$10.30 from the 2020 tax rolls, the amount of \$10.06 from the 2021 tax rolls, and the amount of \$9.87 from the 2022 Tax Rolls 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 Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the 2023 Casino Gaming Report. He explained that the revenue received was down in October 2023 with a total of \$28,838.95 with the total for the whole year being \$368,945.58. It was mentioned that it will be close in regards to if the years total reaches \$400,000 which is what it was for the year of 2022. Mr. Emerson explained after November's report is received the total will be over what the County budgeted for which was \$375,000 and that it is a positive thing for it to be over budgeted amount.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson discussed some information that was released in a KAC newsletter that he wanted to share with the Commissioners. This included grants that had been awarded which included Safehouse being awarded \$76,154 for a 2024 Federal Family Violence Prevention Award. They also received \$11,825 for State Access and Visitation and he mentioned that he has not heard from Safehouse whether the County is involved with this money or if the grants are independent from the County. Mr. Emerson mentioned two other grant opportunities to the Commissioners including the second round of funding for community multipurpose facilities and child care. Mr. Emerson stated it appears there is about \$10,000,000 available with an application deadline of December 18, 2023. The other grant opportunity has \$85,000,000 available and is for water projects. It was mentioned that if anyone is interested in applying for these grants to contact Mr. Emerson and he will instruct them on how to apply.

Item Five: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-022, A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2024. Mr. Emerson explained the Resolution. He stated that this is the 3rd year the county has participated in this program.

On motion (23-467) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2023-022, A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2024.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Six: Mr. Emerson mentioned that the Commissioners will be attending the KAC Conference in Wichita on December 5th, 6th, and 7th beginning at 10:00 AM on December 5th. He discussed that if two or more Commissioners will be attending then they need to cancel the meeting for December 5th.

On motion (23-468) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to cancel the open meeting on December 5, 2023 due to a conflict in scheduling with the KAC Conference.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood stated he has an employee, Kevin Wilderman whose six month probation period is over and asked Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair to sign off on his raise.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood mentioned that typically this time of year employees of the county attempt to give raises to their departments. He stated if a raise is wanting to be given then he wants an explanation as to why this employee will be receiving a raise, such as if they completed schooling, are getting more tasks added to their work load, etc.

Item Nine: Commissioner Wood stated he went to the banquet that Crawford County Mental Health put on for Veterans and that he thought it was nice with a good turnout.

Item Ten: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson where the progress is at with the air conditioning units over at Crawford County Mental Health. Mr. Emerson stated he is waiting on the contractor to provide him documentation in writing. Commissioner Moody told Commissioner Wood that if they are planning on filing a claim he suggests the County notify the insurance company as soon as possible. Mr. Emerson stated he knows for sure the cost will be around \$6,600 for materials but is waiting to get the final price from the contractor. Commissioner Wood asked if they can wait to make a decision about filing a claim, and Commissioner Moody explained that typically the insurance company will want to send an adjuster to look at the units before they are fixed. Mr. Emerson stated he believes they have pictures of the units that could be used for the adjuster.

Item Eleven: Commissioner Blair stated PIO Officer Samantha Norris issued a media release that they are removing a section of asphalt on 140th street because the asphalt has failed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker wanted to state that last week's election night went very smoothly and wanted to remind everyone the canvas for the 2023 City/School General Election is on Friday November 17th at 10:00 AM. She mentioned there are a couple of close races and some that may be decided with provisional votes on that day. Commissioner Wood asked if she could mention how many provisional votes were received and Ms. Lusker stated she does not know the amount off the top of her head but that she knows it is less than we have had in the past.

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Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned the work session the Commissioners had this morning with EMS discussing the purchase of ambulances. They are looking into purchasing four new ambulances with some trade in credit leaving the total amount at \$727,987. He is requesting today to be allowed to get quotes on the interest rate for this purchase and stated he could probably return with different quotes in a week to a week and a half which will provide the final cost.

On motion (23-469) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve obtaining quotes for interest rates on the purchase of four new ambulances.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-470) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss juvenile attorney contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:14 AM.

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 10:54 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:04 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-471) 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 regarding county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:14 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:04 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:09 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 17, 2023- 9:00 AM Work session with District Court Administrator Mac Young.

Item Two: November 17, 2023- 10:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2023 City/School General Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Three: November 21, 2023 – Mr. Jeremy Johnson and Mr. Gene Vogler with SEK Recycling Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 5, 2023- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is be canceled due to the KAC Conference.

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 [November 14, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:09 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 11/16/23 RJA](#)