

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **EIGHTY-FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, November 15, 2024 During the Recess of the Board of County Canvassers**

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 (24-478) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 12, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 633565 to 633896 dated November 15, 2024 in the total amount of \$416,890.17, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

(MOTIONS 24-476, 24-477, 24-480, 24-481 WERE MADE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS)

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 24	468	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 8, 2024
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Motion 24	469	To adopt Resolution #2024-036, A Resolution to amend, change or modify the existing use of the property located at 292 S 150 th 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
Motion 24	470	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
Motion 24	471	To adopt Resolution #2024-035, A Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as Country View Estates 3 rd 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
Motion 24	472	To approve the Urban Area Boundary Approval Resolution to Establish Urban Area Boundary Lines and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	473	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
Motion 24	474	To approve the Kansas Housing Notice of Financial Award & Grant Agreement Kansas Emergency Solution Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	475	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

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Honorable Lori A. Bolton Fleming, Chief Judge 11th Judicial District, addressed the Commissioners. She introduced Mr. Daniel Creitz, Chief Compliance Officer SEKCHC, and Mr. Bryan Dyson, Executive Director 11th Judicial District Recovery Court Program. She stated she is here to give an update on Recovery Court Program. She gave an update on how many people this program is serving at this time and details regarding the program. Commissioner Wood asked about the funding of the grant and Judge Fleming responded. She also explained what qualifies people for this program. Mr. Daniel Creitz addressed the Commissioners. He provided some details

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about the grant for the Recovery Court Program as well as details regarding the program itself. Commissioner Moody stated it sounds like the program has been successful so far. Commissioner Wood asked if Crawford County Mental Health was involved and Mr. Creitz answered. Mr. Bryan Dyson addressed the Commissioners. He gave some details regarding a participant of the program who has been successful in the program. Commissioner Wood asked if there are follow up meetings that these participants have to attend after and Mr. Dyson gave some information regarding different support groups and requirements. Commissioner Blair asked how they select participants if they have so many candidates in need and Judge Fleming explained.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Roger Lomshek addressed the Commissioners. He wanted to say thank you to Ms. Lisa Lusker, Mr. Gene Rountree, and all election workers that made the election go smoothly. Mr. Lomshek stated he was incredibly impressed.

Item Two: Mr. Billy Tomasi addressed the Commissioners. He wanted to thank them for approving the funding for him to attend the Sheriff's Academy before he takes office in January so that he does not have to use time once he is in office. Mr. Tomasi explained he has received phone calls and has been meeting with school districts and other entities as well.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated she had a phone call from Ms. Connie Egbert who is a member of the Osage Church in McCune and that Ms. Egbert just wanted to thank the Commissioners for redoing the road that the church is located on.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed chip and seal and wanted to thank the crews for working together so well to get this job done. Commissioner Moody mentioned they had a short window of time to get this job done.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood mentioned his district is crack sealing right now and gave details about repairing roads that have sunk in. Commissioner Wood mentioned he is going to get with Road and Bridge Coordinator to discuss how much each district spent on asphalt and other materials for the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker wanted to thank her staff who has worked incredibly hard but also Mr. Gene Rountree who has worked extra hours and given up time with his family to work on this election. Commissioner Moody said they would like to thank the staff as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship.

On motion (24-479) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes for legal advice which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice related to the EMS Department with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 10:24 A.M. The motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated there will be a meeting at 5:30 P.M. November 19th with Mr. Josh Albin. He mentioned it will be done on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse in the Courtroom. Commissioner Wood asked if there will be a table set up for the Commissioners and Mr. Emerson answered they will have everything set up. Mr. Emerson mentioned they will do their best to get it live streamed as well.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if they will have a representative from Greenbush back in to discuss ARPA funding before the end of the year and Mr. Emerson stated he will have more information regarding this on Tuesday.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

Item Two: November 22, 2024- 9:00 AM Work Session with Honorable Lori A. Bolton Fleming, Chief Judge, 11th Judicial District, and Mac Young, 11th Judicial District Court Administrator, regarding the Judicial Center project.

Item Three: November 22, 2024- Mr. Jeff Edgington, Blue Valley Public Safety, Communications Director Tim Mikrut, Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti discussing storm sirens.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 19, 2024- 5:30 PM Public meeting with Mr. Josh Albin to discuss the Comprehensive Plan in the Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Crawford County Courthouse.

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 15, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:27 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 RJA 11/18/2024 9:30 AM/amended BKW 11/18/24 12:05 PM