

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2016, SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Carl Wood and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion (16-376)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 14, 2016** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers **568495 to 568775 dated October 14, 2016 in the total amount of \$393,487.30.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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 16	374	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 11, 2016 minutes
Motion 16	375	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters that would be

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		deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
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### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS  
MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH  
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC  
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES  
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One** Mr. Greg Hite spoke about purchasing and bids on dump trucks. Mr. Hite went over the bids and specs with the Commissioners and explained the details of what will be included on the dump truck. The Commissioner discussed funding for the trucks. Mr. Hite stated that he will be traveling to Wichita tomorrow to look at the dump trucks and the 3 road foreman may be going along. The Commissioners and Mr. Hite discussed having back up cameras and asked Mr. Hite to check the cost. Mr. Hite stated that the two motor graders have the backup cameras and they have worked perfectly for over 2 years now.

**Item Two:** Mr. Murphy discussed magnets on the motor grader. Mr. Hite stated that he just purchased another magnet. The Commissioners discussed purchasing more magnets and having a magnet on a least 1 vehicle per district.

**Item Three:** Mr. Hite asked about purchasing a combination tool tank box for \$1,300. Mr. Hite explained the details of the box. The Commissioners decided to wait next month to revisit the issue.

### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle informed the Commission of a Community Meeting with representatives of KCP&L and Westar Energy on October 20, 2016 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the PSU Wilkinson Alumni Center to discuss their proposed merger.

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**Don Pyle**

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**From:** Carey Spoon <carey@sekrpc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 10:47 AM  
**To:** carey@sekrpc.org  
**Subject:** Community Conversation with Westar/KCPL CEOs

You're Invited to participate in community conversations regarding the proposed merger between KCP&L and Westar Energy. The two company's CEOs are traveling across Kansas to advance safe, affordable, and reliable energy, we want to hear from key leaders and businesses in every community, including yours. Join us to discuss the benefits of the merger, including our commitment to the local community and economy.

Join us at one of the following locations in Southeast Kansas, please RSVP by clicking the link below (some browsers may require you to click control and the link):

**Fort Scott:** Happy Hour and Appetizers by Crooner's Lounge  
October 19, 4:30 – 6 p.m.  
At the Liberty Theatre  
To reserve your spot, [RSVP now!](#)

**Pittsburg:** Lunch catered by Palluca's.  
October 20, 11:30-1 p.m.  
At the PSU Wilkinson Alumni Center, Lower Level  
To reserve your spot, [RSVP now!](#)

**Parsons:** Breakfast  
October 21, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
At the Wall Family Center, 26<sup>th</sup> & Main  
To reserve your spot, [RSVP now!](#)

**Independence:** Lunch by Ane Mae's  
October 21, 12-1 p.m.  
At Independence Community College, West Campus, 2615 Main  
To reserve your spot, [RSVP now!](#)

**Chanute/Humboldt:** Coffee & Dessert  
October 21, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Alliance Room, Chanute City Hall, 101 Lincoln

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**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle spoke a memo from Ms. Bernadette Cox from NectJobs.com in reference to the Small Business Administration. He explained to the Commissioners what Ms. Cox was requesting from Crawford County and the Commissioners ask Mr. Pyle to look further into the requests from Ms. Cox.

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**Don Pyle**

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**From:** Bernadette Cox <bernadette.c.cox@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 2:05 PM  
**To:** countyclerk@ckt.net  
**Subject:** Re: Small business is – big business in our community

Hi Mr. Pyle,

I was wondering if you already had the chance to review the proposal I sent last time.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I am more than happy to assist you.

Thank you,

Bernadette

On 2016-10-03 19:04:59 UTC, Bernadette Cox <[bernadette.c.cox@gmail.com](mailto:bernadette.c.cox@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Mr. Pyle,

My name is Bernadette from NectJobs.com

We are looking to help provide *no-cost* business resources to aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in your local community. If you would spare 2 minutes, I would like to explain our cause. Because small business is – big business.

The Small Business Administration identified that there are more than 28.2 million businesses operating in the United States as of March 2014, with about 63% of new jobs being created from small businesses between 1993 and mid 2013. Of these 28.2 million businesses, most are "self-employed" – making up about 3/4 of the U.S.'s total businesses. Meanwhile, approximately half of small businesses survive five years or more, many of which make up your local LOCM +% coffee shops, favorite local boutiques, preferred chiropractor or local pet shop.

When you consider how many small businesses surround you in your everyday lives, it is impressive to think about the amount of time, commitment and labor these hard working individuals contribute to make their businesses both come to life and stay alive.

For this reason, our experts compiled a list of guides and resources that are designed to help aspiring small business owners find their feet, jumpstart their business, and grow.

Below are the guides and resources for aspiring entrepreneurs:

- [Starting and Planning a Business](#)
- [Guide on Registering a Business by State](#)
- [Guide to Starting and Running a Business](#)
- [Small Business Recruiting and Hiring Guide](#)
- [Small Business Taxation Forms and Publications](#)
- [Small Business Bookkeeping Basics](#)

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We believe that these resources provide a great a list, any ordinary Joe who wants to venture into business will have what he needs to get started and educate himself about the intricacies that come with registration, running, and growing a business.

If you like the guides and resources we compiled, we would like to request that you add them on any page of your website here: <http://www.crawfordcountykansas.org/>.

Thank you,

Bernadette

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**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle announced that today is the last day to register to vote for the General Election on November 8, 2016. He also stated that tomorrow will be the first day to process and mail out advanced ballots and advanced voting in person will open in the County Election Office. He informed the Commissioners of two advanced vote centers that will be held at Homer Cole building and the Meadowbrook mall and stated that information will be posted in the paper of upcoming items of importance to the voters.

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated that Eldon Bedene brought him a quote from Jay Hatfield on the vehicle for the Emergency Management Director. Mr. VanBecelaere is attending meetings out of town. Mr. Wood stated that the bid from the dealership out of Wichita is \$27,380 delivered and that the bid from Hatfield is \$28,345 delivered. The Commissioners discussed a motion or resolution previously made by Commissioner to buy locally if the local bid is within a certain percentage of the lowest bid. The Commissioner would like Mr. Emerson to research the rule about local percentage and will discuss further when this information is found.

**Item Five:** Mr. Murphy stated that his road crew asked if they could purchase their own safety shirts and if there are any KDOT specs for these shirts. The Commissioners discussed the safety shirts and vests and purchasing more shirts for the crews.

**Item Six:** Mr. Murphy addressed Rural Opportunity Zones in Kansas. He stated that it is a State program that allows people that move back into the state to qualify for income tax exemptions and a break on student loan. He stated that the surrounding counties are Rural Opportunity Zones. Mr. Emerson stated that he does not know if Crawford County has every requested this or if we are maybe not eligible. The Commissioners would like to have Mr. Bill Brady check into this and have Mr. Emerson contact Mr. Brady.

**Item Seven:** Mr. Murphy stated that the Road and Bridge crews are done paving in McCune and should start in Girard tomorrow weather permitting.

**Item Eight:** Mr. Wood discussed paying for the paving work at the Jail and EMS buildings and who should pay for the materials. The Commissioners discussed taking the cost of materials only out of each departmental fund.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Attorney-Client privilege and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle

**On motion (16-377)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client

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relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: October 25, 2016 – 8:00 AM** Work Session with Dave Yearout, Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator, and Planning and Zoning Board Members on updating zoning regulations.

**Item Two: October 25, 2016 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Road in Mullen's Subdivision.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: October 18, 2016** – Economic Outlook meeting conducted by Wichita State University and hosted by the City of Pittsburg at Memorial Auditorium from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Item Two: October 20, 2016** – Community Meeting with representatives of KCP&L and Westar Energy from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the PSU Wilkinson Alumni Center to discuss their proposed merger.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [October 18, 2016](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:02 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk



**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**  
**Taken BKW 10/18/16 11:02 PM/amended BKW 3:48 PM**