

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, [SEVENTY-EIGHTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, October 18, 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.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was 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 (24-444) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 15, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 632935 to 633189 dated October 15, 2024 in the total amount of \$758,285.28, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 24	438	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 11, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	439	To recess the open meeting for a period of 15 minutes
Motion 24	440	To call the open meeting back to order
Motion 24	441	To approve the MOU for the Point Forward and Washington School project

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Motion 24	442	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss EMS and county policies and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:49 AM
Motion 24	443	To approve the Organ and Bone Marrow Donation Leave Policy in addition to the county's existing personnel policy

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Blake Benson, President of the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioners. He stated he has brought the members of Leadership Crawford County with him today and gave some details about this group. Mr. Benson explained why they are attending today's Commissioner meeting as well as other plans that they have for the day. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Benson if he would like the Commissioners to explain what it is that they do for the county and Mr. Benson answered that would be great. Commissioner Wood introduced himself and explained the division of county districts. He gave some information on what the Commissioners do. Commissioner Blair gave some additional information and discussed the growth of Crawford County. County Counselor Jim Emerson introduced himself. He stated he was also previously a member of Leadership Crawford County. Mr. Emerson gave some details about the different things the Commissioners do for the county. County Clerk Lisa Lusker introduced herself and gave some details about her job tasks. Commissioner Blair added that not all counties and county departments get along as well as Crawford County. Commissioner Wood discussed CTEC.

Item Two: Mr. Craig Garrett addressed the Commissioners. He explained he is with Fire District #4 and wanted to thank the Commissioners for signing their letter of support previously for the fire prevention grant they applied for. Mr. Garrett also discussed the 37th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial that will take place this weekend in Girard and gave some details regarding this memorial.

Item One continued: Commissioner Wood discussed the Fire Districts in the county. An audience member asked if all the Commissioners live in Crawford County and Commissioner Wood answered yes but explained there was a ruling made previously for the County Attorney allowing them to not reside in the county they serve. The audience member asked who has the biggest and smallest districts in the county and Commissioner Wood explained. Mr. Benson asked the Commissioners if they ever partner with local cities with improvement projects and Commissioner Wood answered. One of the members in the audience asked if the Commissioners placed the street light in Opolis and when Commissioner Wood confirmed she thanked the Commissioners for the street light. Mr. Benson asked Ms. Lusker about elections and the election process and Ms. Lusker

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explained. Commissioner Wood mentioned how if you do early voting the program will alert the poll workers on election day if the same voter attempts to vote again and asked Ms. Lusker to elaborate on that and she explained. One member of the audience asked if any of the Commissioners or Ms. Lusker are up for reelection this year and asked them to explain the cycle in which they go up for reelection and Ms. Lusker answered. One audience member spoke about her daughter attending the CTEC program and mentioned it is a wonderful program.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan would like a work session on October 25th at 9:45 AM to discuss ARPA. The Commissioners agreed to the work session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood mentioned he attempted to contact Heritage regarding the tractors and discussed mowers. Commissioner Wood explained to the audience about the bid process as well. Mr. Emerson explained this process as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker gave an update on early voting and the turn out so far. She encouraged voters to continue to come in for early voting.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed a possible work session to discuss the landfill and trying to get it taken care of as soon as possible in case it begins to rain often. Commissioner Wood stated he has spoke with his Road Foreman Dustin Blair and that he mentioned attempting to get this done sometime next week if possible. Commissioner Blair mentioned all the hot spots at the landfill are marked but some areas need mowed. Mr. Emerson explained to the audience the landfill the Commissioners are discussing.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed the SEK Recycling Center and getting it cleaned up. He mentioned getting roll offs ready to haul off items. Commissioner Wood mentioned the one free day a month residents get to drop off things at the landfill.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 22, 2024- 9:00 AM Work Session with KCAMP and KWORC to discuss insurance.

Item Two: October 22, 2024- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street located in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Item Three: October 22, 2024- KDOT Representatives discussing US 69 Highway Study.

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Item Four: October 22, 2024- Mr. Mac Young, 11th Judicial District Court Administrator, discussing FY2024 outcomes.

Item Five: October 25, 2024- 9:45 AM Work session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 20, 2024-2:00 PM Girard Fallen Firefighters Memorial. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [October 18, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:43 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 10/21/2024 9:00 AM/amended BKW 10/21/24 11:55 AM