

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, [SEVENTY-NINETH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, October 22, 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 Bruce Blair and Tom Moody 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 (24-445)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 18, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, 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 24	444	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 15, 2024 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 632935 to 633189 dated October 15, 2024 in the total amount of \$758,285.28, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
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### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

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**Item One:** Public hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

**On motion (24-446)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**There was no public comment.**

**On motion (24-447)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2024-033, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas. He gave some details regarding this Resolution.

**On motion (24-448)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2024-33, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** Mr. Mac Young, 11th Judicial District Court Administrator, addressed the Commissioners. He explained that he is at the meeting to present the FY2024 outcomes. Mr. Young explained and gave some details regarding the paperwork he provided the Commissioners. Commissioner Moody mentioned Mr. Young discussed a percentage success rate and asked Mr. Young what he would consider to be a good success rate and Mr. Young answered he believes their success rate of 70% is good. Mr. Young explained different areas that can alter the overall success rate. Commissioner Blair asked what the 5 Year Rule is and Mr. Young explained. Commissioner Blair asked Mr. Young if he

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believes the implementation of drug court will ultimately affect this report and Mr. Young answered yes and explained.

**On motion (24-449)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections FY2024 Outcomes and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Young about the condition of the judicial building and Mr. Young answered. Mr. Young discussed a door that needs fixed and Commissioner Wood asked him what it would take to fix the door and Mr. Young answered the last time he checked it was going to be around a \$6,000 repair.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Ms. Vanessa Lamoreaux with Kansas Department of Transportation addressed the Commissioners. She stated that joining her at the podium today is Mr. Greg Schieber. She introduced the other representatives from KDOT attending the meeting today as well. Ms. Lamoreaux stated she is here to give an update on the US 69 Highway Study. Ms. Lamoreaux proceeded to give details regarding the US 69 Highway Study. Mr. Greg Schieber addressed the Commissioners. He mentioned he will be discussing details about the more technical analysis portion of the study. Mr. Schieber proceeded to give details about this portion of the study. Commissioner Wood discussed 260th street and the speed cars go down the road and mentioned that road is not built for that. Commissioner Blair mentioned he appreciates the process of this study and asked if it is a new process and Mr. Schieber answered that no it is not new. Commissioner Wood discussed 126th and also about the previous discussion of signal lights or a round about on the intersection of 4th street and Free Kings Highway and Mr. Schrieber stated he is not familiar with that at this time.

A member of the audience asked the KDOT representatives about the proposal of four lanes from Atkinson and heading South on 69 Highway. He stated he is hearing that they have no information on this and he asked if that is true and Ms. Lamoreaux answered.

Mr. Jeff Fischer with KDOT addressed the Commissioners. He stated he discussed with Mr. Emerson previously with an issue near Arcadia as well as one in Franklin. Mr. Fischer stated the issue he would like to first discuss is the Ken Brock Memorial Highway and that there could possibly be a ceremony for this. Mr. Fischer next discussed the issue in Arcadia. He stated Mr. Emerson mentioned the trash problem in this area after the fall mowing and that they both had discussions with the landfill operator and gave some more details regarding this. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Wood both agreed most of this trash is coming from trash trucks.

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### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Ms. Lusker mentioned the ballot drop box at the Pittsburg Judicial Center was damaged but that it has been replaced. Commissioner Wood asked about the drop box and Ms. Lusker explained.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood told Mr. Emerson he has the information on a party who can help with delinquent taxes out of Wichita. He stated he will get this information to Mr. Emerson.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Ms. Lusker gave a reminder about early voting at the Bicknell Center until 4:00 P.M. She gave an update on early voting in the clerk's office.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair discussed the Comprehensive Plan Survey and that he has had nobody approach him stating to change certain questions. He did state he has had people asking when they will receive the survey. Mr. Emerson stated he will make copies and put it on for Friday.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Emerson if there has been any update on the dump truck that they purchased. Mr. Emerson answered it is scheduled to be finished the end of November 2024.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (24-450)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 construction bids and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:18 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:12 with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [October 22, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:12 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken RJA 10/23/24 11:00 AM/amended BKW 10/23/24 2:40 PM