

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **EIGHTIETH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, October 25, 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 (24-451) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 22, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	445	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 18, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	446	To open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	447	To close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	448	To adopt Resolution #2024-033, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 24	449	To approve the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections FY2024 Outcomes and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	450	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

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 THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Zoning Administrator May Smith addressed the Commissioners. She stated she presented this Planning and Zoning case for Nutter Boat & RV Storage previously on October 8, 2024 and it was sent back to the Planning and Zoning Board with clarity on security, fencing, and the hedge row to the north of the property. Ms. Smith explained the updates to the project regarding those three topics and that it will be done in two phases. Ms. Smith provided the Commissioners with some of the questions that were asked by the Planning and Zoning Board and their answers. Ms. Smith explained that when Mr. Nutter is ready to begin Phase 2 of his process he will revisit the Planning and Zoning Board first. Commissioner Wood asked if this is all in writing or if it’s a verbal agreement and Ms. Smith explained its located in her notes and motions both. Ms. Smith presented Resolution #2024-032, a resolution to amend, change, or modify the existing use of the property described herein to request a conditional land use for the establishment of “Nutter RV and Boat Storage” which will rezone the property from Agricultural to Commercial.

On motion (24-452) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve Resolution #2024-032, a Resolution to amend, change, or modify the existing use of the property described herein to request a conditional land use for the establishment of “Nutter RV and Boat Storage” which will rezone the property from Agricultural to Commercial.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Scott Christiansen, SEKCAP Director of Transportation, addressed the Commissioners. He mentioned they are asking for a letter of support for their General Public Transportation. Mr. Christiansen discussed transportation outside of Pittsburg and also within Pittsburg. Commissioner Wood asked if they do transportation for the entire county and Mr. Christiansen confirmed. Commissioner Blair asked about their top destinations and asked if they transport people to work and Mr. Christiansen confirmed.

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Commissioner Wood asked if they transport from any of the nursing homes and Mr. Christiansen confirmed. Mr. Christiansen explained why they need the letter of support, and then explained they are also asking for \$20,000 for the year. Commissioner Blair asked how many counties SEKCAP has this transportation service in and Mr. Christiansen answered 6 counties currently. Commissioner Wood asked if they have given them funding before and that they will have to look into this. County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned she believes it is through special funding each year. Commissioner Wood asked what services they offer to Pittsburg State University and Mr. Christiansen explained.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned they have a request for a burn ban. He stated it has been quite some time and presented a resolution from 2007 from a burn ban and also guidelines for open burning that they discussed at the same time. He explained the burn ban would be adopted through a motion and then notices will be sent out. Commissioner Wood stated he has spoken to people about this recently.

On motion (24-453) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to place a burn ban on Crawford County following Resolution #2007-118 and the guidelines from 2007 until further notice.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the September ARPA Draw Down Request. He explained that this was discussed in a work session this morning with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan. Mr. Emerson explained the draw down requests and their amounts.

On motion (24-454) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the ARPA draw down request for September 2024 as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2024-034, a Resolution exempting Crawford County, Kansas from using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the preparation of its financial statements and reports. Mr. Emerson explained this resolution.

On motion (24-455) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2024-034, a Resolution exempting Crawford County, Kansas from

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using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the preparation of its financial statements and reports.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson mentioned he had a request for a work session on Tuesday, October 29th at 9:30 AM from 911/Communications Director Tim Mikrut, Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins, and County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti regarding storm sirens. The Commissioners agreed. Mr. Emerson mentioned he also had a request for a work session from Mac Young, 11th Judicial District Court Administrator, and the Honorable Judge Lori Bolton Fleming on November 22nd at 9:00 AM to discuss the Judicial Center project and he explained the project. Commissioner Blair asked with a project this size what are their options for financing and Mr. Emerson explained.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair discussed the social media posting of which roads would be being chip and sealed at the time so that people could avoid those areas. He believes this was a positive thing for residents of Crawford County.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed hauling dirt. Commissioner Wood stated he believed asphaltting was taking place before hauling dirt. Mr. Emerson stated last he heard is that they were going to split the crew and do both.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson passed out the Preliminary Crawford County Comprehensive Plan Survey. Mr. Emerson stated he has heard no other comments about this survey but that to keep the process going they need to move on with the survey. Commissioner Blair stated he believes the survey is sufficient. Commissioner Blair also stated he wants to make sure the information can be separated so they can tell which area the survey is coming from. Commissioner Wood stated some of the questions are not anyone else's business. Commissioner Blair stated it is not personal and that it is just demographics. Commissioner Blair mentioned he would like to be able to see who filled the survey out at the end. Commissioner Wood asked if it will be possible to find out who filled the survey out and Mr. Emerson answered he will ask about this. Ms. Lusker asked if the survey is anonymous and Commissioner Blair answered it would be attached to an address he believes. Mr. Emerson stated he will get some answers on these questions and then bring it back to the Commissioners.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson mentioned on March 8, 2024 the Commissioners opened bids on concrete work for the Arma Tower project. He discussed the two bids that they received. Mr. Emerson mentioned the specs are the same and nothing has changed and that he believes the fairest thing to do is to get updated bids from both Turnkey LLC and JT Construction. Commissioner Wood asked how can they pour a concrete pad if they do not know if there will be a building on it and Mr. Emerson mentioned the building is a guarantee. Commissioner Moody stated he agrees with getting updated bids since it has been so long ago.

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Item Four: Commissioner Moody mentioned the trash by the landfill is not looking any better. He stated he does not know what they need to do but that something needs done. Mr. Emerson stated he has talked to just about anyone he could talk to about it. Commissioner Moody stated it is not the county's job to clean it and that he hates to take a crew to clean it again. Mr. Emerson stated he will discuss with some of these people again.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 29, 2024- 9:30 AM Work Session with 911/Communications Director Tim Mikrut, Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins, and County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti to discuss storm sirens.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 29, 2024- 11:45 AM Senator Moran will be visiting Pittsburg State University at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts to announce a federal investment for the institution. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

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 [October 25, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:59 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 10/28/24 9:00 AM](#)