

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, [EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, October 29, 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 Tom Moody 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.

Vice-Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (24-456) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 25, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 24	451	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 22, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	452	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
Motion 24	453	To place a burn ban on Crawford County following Resolution #2007-118 and the guidelines from 2007 until further notice

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Motion 24	454	To approve the ARPA draw down request for September 2024 as presented
Motion 24	455	To adopt 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

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

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned he will be meeting with 911/Communications Director Tim Mikrut and Mr. Rodney Pulliam and that the meeting was prompted by the burn ban placed on Friday. He mentioned this meeting will be to discuss details and policy regarding burn bans. Mr. Emerson also mentioned he has a meeting tomorrow with CVB and Pittsburg State University regarding the Plaster Center contract. He stated that he will update the Commissioners on these meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker gave an update on the early voting that took place the previous weekend. She mentioned the outcome was great and complimented the poll workers.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the Southeast Kansas Community Action Program (SEK-CAP) Transportation Services letter of support. Commissioner Blair asked if Mr. Emerson figured out the funding given previously to the program and Mr. Emerson explained. Mr. Emerson stated there are two separate letters being presented and explained one is a letter for support and the other is for the \$16,000 funding match.

On motion (24-457) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Letter of Support for General Public Transportation to SEK-CAP, Inc and the Letter of Commitment for local matching funds for General Public Transportation in the amount of \$16,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

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On motion (24-458) of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Blair to approve the letter of support for the Coordinated Transit District #10 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson discussed the Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Survey. He stated Mr. Joshua Albin stated that they can track who has filled out the surveys and that they will track location as well. Commissioner Blair asked if they can theoretically have a list of who filled out the survey, not their answers, so that they can have that information.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Judy Prince addressed the Commissioners. She stated she is representing the Crawford County Citizens Against Wind and Solar. She stated one question they have is will the survey be available by paper copy or only by scanning the QR code and Mr. Emerson answered it will be available by both. She asked how paper copies will be tracked and Mr. Emerson explained. Ms. Prince asked about advertising the survey and Mr. Emerson answered that Mr. Albin is in charge of that mostly. Ms. Prince asked if a survey is only partially filled out will it void the survey and Mr. Emerson stated in his mind no it will not but a lot of these questions are for Mr. Albin to answer. She asked if out of county land owners will get to answer the survey as well and Commissioner Blair answered that Mr. Albin needs to answer that question. Ms. Prince discussed zoning. Ms. Prince discussed adding questions to the survey and which questions they would like added. She stated part of the Comprehensive Plan needs to include increasing police force and jail space if we are working towards increasing the population. Commissioner Moody discussed this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-459) 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 20 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 10:45 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 1, 2024- 8:30 AM Work Session to sign October bills and payroll vouchers.

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 Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [October 29, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:46 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 10/30/24 9:00 AM/amended BKW 10/30/24 2:00 PM