

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, [SEVENTIETH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, October 4, 2022 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 Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker 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 (22-362) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 30, 2022** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 22	358	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 27, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	359	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: Beginning at 11:00 AM on September 2022 and ending at 12:00 PM on October 3, 2022 (For consumption on the premises) EVENT: Fall Brawl APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion

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		Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: Beginning at 9:00 AM on October 14, 2022 and ending at 12:00 PM on October 17, 2022. (For consumption on the premises) EVENT: Ranch Rodeo
Motion 22	360	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and CCBHC Director Heather Spaur and to reconvene by 10:44 AM
Motion 22	361	To adopt Resolution #2022-014, A Resolution Adopting the Crawford County Employee Handbook

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

Item One: Public Hearing on closing unopened streets in Makuc’s Subdivision.

On motion (22-363) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the Public Hearing on closing unopened streets in Makuc’s Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Chairman Moody asked if there was anyone present that wished to speak either in favor of or against closing unopened platted streets in Makuc’s Subdivision and there was no one present that wished to speak on the matter.

On motion (22-364) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on closing unopened streets in Makuc’s Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2022-015, A Resolution Closing Two Unopened Streets in Makuc’s Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas. He presented a map of the area and explained where the unopened streets are located. He stated that there were no written protests or concerns received after the Notice of Intent was published and only 1 landowner is involved.

On motion (22-365) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #2022-015, A Resolution Closing Two Unopened Streets in Makuc’s Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

**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
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the September 2022 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of September. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the August 2022 to September 2022 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Emerson asked about the reimbursement from the state for the Revenue Neutral Rate mailing and Ms. Lusker stated that the reimbursement has been received and it was approximately \$24,000. She stated that the state will reimburse the counties for the cost of the mailings for the 1st two years and then after that the cost will be up to the taxing entities.

On motion (22-366) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the September 2022 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-367) of Commissioner Johnson 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 10 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:18 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:08 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-368) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:28 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:13 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:17 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners and stated that in conjunction with the Governing Board of Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County, he would like to present their recommendation to the County Commissioners to announce that Ms. Heather Spaur is going to be the new Executive Director of Crawford County Mental Health. Mr. Ehling stated that they are excited to have her on board and that he has a lot of confidence in Ms. Spaur and has been working side by side with her for the last few years. Ms. Spaur addressed the Commissioners and stated that she is honored and humbled by the board's confidence in her. She stated that she is very passionate about mental health and will do the best she can. Commissioner Moody stated that he is certain she will do a great job and the Commissioners are here to help in any way they can.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated that the last day to register to vote for the 2022 General Election is October 18, 2022 and in person early voting will begin in the County Clerk's office on October 19, 2022 and that is also when advance ballots will begin being mailed. She also stated that there will be an early voting sites on October 21, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and October 22, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Pittsburg Meadowbrook Mall, October 26, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Pittsburg State University Overman Student Center 2nd Floor and October 29, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Homer Cole Center, 3003 N Joplin Pittsburg. Ms. Lusker stated that in person early voting in the County Clerk's office will end at 12:00 noon on November 7, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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Item Three: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-369) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Courthouse Employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:38 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 21, 2022 – 9:00 AM Work Session with the Arnold Group.

Item Two: October 21, 2022 – Mr. Wayne Gudmonson and other representatives from KDOT addressing the Hwy 160 Expansion project.

Item Three: October 21, 2022 – Fence Viewing at 1:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 5, 2022 – Rotary Club Meeting at the Knights of Columbus at 7:00 AM. Two Commissioners will be in attendance.

Item Two: October 6, 2022 – Retirement Reception for Crawford County Fire District #1 Chief Mike Ryan at the Baker Fire Station #1 at 5:00 PM. All three Commissioners may be in attendance

Item Three: October 10, 2022 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Item Four: October 11, 2022 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday and a meeting conflict.

Item Five: October 11, 2022 – Pittsburg Economic Outlook Conference at the Overman Student Center at Pittsburg State University from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

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Item Six: October 15, 2022 – Girard Fall Festival. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Seven: October 17, 18 & 19, 2022 – Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Overland Park Kansas. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Eight: October 18, 2022 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Commissioners attending KAC.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [October 4, 2022](#) 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 Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 BKW 10/4/2022 10:43 AM/amended BKW 10/6/2022 3:30 PM