

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **SIXTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, September 13, 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 (24-395)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 10, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 632231 to 632541 dated September 13, 2024 in the total amount of \$357,345.23, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, 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	393	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 6, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	394	To approve the Signatory Approval form for the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections and authorizing the Chairman to sign

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

**Item One:** Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Crawford County Budget and the Crawford County FY2025 Budget.

**On motion (24-396)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Crawford County Budget and the Crawford County FY2025 Budget.

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 (24-397)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Crawford County Budget and the Crawford County FY2025 Budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Commissioner Moody mentioned they scrutinized over the budget very hard this year but that he feels comfortable with what they have decided on. Commissioner Wood agreed and said the budget has even gone down some as well. County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented Resolution #2024-024, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County FY2025 Budget.

**On motion (24-398)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2024-024, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County FY2025 Budget.

**On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**On motion (24-399)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County FY2025 Budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Budgets and the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2025 Budgets and FY2025 Special District Budgets.

**On motion (24-400)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 and the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2025 Budgets and FY2025 Special District Budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**There was no public comment.**

**On motion (24-401)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 and the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2025 Budgets and FY2025 Special District Budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Ms. Lusker presented Resolution #2024-025, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #1 2025 Budget, Resolution #2024-026, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #2 2025 Budget, Resolution #2024-027, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #3 2025 Budget, and Resolution #2024-028, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #4 2025 Budget. Commissioner Wood read the Resolutions.

**On motion (24-402)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2024-025, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire

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District #1 2025 Budget, Resolution #2024-026, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #2 2025 Budget, Resolution #2024-027, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #3 2025 Budget, and Resolution #2024-028, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #4 2025 Budget.

**On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (24-403)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2025 Budgets and FY2025 Special District Budgets.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Ms. Lusker stated District Court requires a signed copy of their budget form in order to have their budget approved and provided the Commissioners with this form to sign.

**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH  
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES  
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an application for a 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Stephen Hipfl “Ol Yale Farms”, to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises. Mr. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, and the Township Clerk and there were no objections to the licenses.

**On motion (24-404)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and

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directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

### 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses

**APPLICANT:** Steve Hipfl “Ol Yale Farms”

**PREMISES:** 306 S 250<sup>th</sup> St, Pittsburg, KS 66762

**(For consumption on the premises)**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in the Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas. He presented a map and explained where the street is located and stated that this is a landowner request. Mr. Emerson said a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

**On motion (24-405)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in Delplace Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson stated he received a call from the land use consultant that was hired by the Commissioners. He stated he would like to attend the meeting on October 1, 2024 and did not mind if it was a work session or within the regular open meeting. Commissioner Blair asked what he would be discussing and Mr. Emerson answered. Commissioner Wood said he would like to do this in the meeting and Mr. Emerson stated he would inform the consultant of this.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair presented a sales quotation from Lawson in the amount of \$5,428.76. He explained Shop Foreman Josh Peak asked him to present this and explained that this is to help provide the materials necessary to produce hydraulic equipment as needed at the Road and Bridge shop. Commissioner Wood stated he would like to discuss this with Mr. Peak and go visit the shop first. Commissioner Moody confirmed that they would revisit this sales quotation after visiting with Mr. Peak.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody asked if Mr. Bodensteiner was going to attend today's meeting and Mr. Emerson stated he did not believe so. Commissioner Moody said he would like some clarification from Mr. Bodensteiner in regards to an email that was sent

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the previous week. Commissioner Wood stated he would like a copy of this email for when Mr. Bodensteiner attends the meeting.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Moody mentioned the trash on 69 Highway and that it is looking terrible again. Mr. Emerson agreed it looks bad. Commissioner Moody mentioned maybe getting in to contact with the landfill about this. Commissioner Wood stated he does not feel it is the county's place to clean up after the landfill and he feels either the landfill of Department of Transportation should take care of this issue. Commissioner Moody stated he is just wanting to keep on top of it before it gets out of hand.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Moody mentioned he is going to have Shop Foreman Josh Peak look into how much a road vacuum would cost and just get a feel for what equipment is out there for that type of work. Commissioner Blair mentioned the issue of dumping waste and that Wildlife and Parks will be closing gates to their areas but Commissioner Blair stated he does not believe this will fix the issue. He mentioned that if maybe there were signs where dumping is occurring that would inform people of the free day per month at the landfill and also of the SEK Recycling Center that maybe it would help. Commissioner Wood stated he is going to ask the other Commissioners at the SEK District Meeting if they have this problem in their counties.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair discussed some of the equipment on Purple Wave and gave details regarding specific equipment.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: October 1, 2024- 10:00 AM** Mr. Joshua Albin attending the meeting discussing the Comprehensive Plan.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: September 19, 2024-** SEK District Officials Meeting from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All 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 [September 13, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:30 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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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 09/16/24 12:00 PM/amended BKW 9/16/24 2:15 PM](#)