

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, [SIXTY-FIFTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, September 3, 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 (24-377) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [August 30, 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	370	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 27, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	371	To approve Resolution #2024-017, a Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as "Timberline Retreat" and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Agricultural to Suburban Residential for the proposed development as presented

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Motion 24	372	To approve Resolution #2024-019, a Resolution to amend, change or modify the existing use on the property described herein and to request a conditional land use to relocate “Jones Land Service, LLC” as presented
Motion 24	373	To approve Resolution #2024-020, a Resolution to accept and grant the request to live in a recreational vehicle while their home is being constructed as presented
Motion 24	374	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss sign department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and Sign Foreman Dale Shireman, and to reconvene by 11:41 AM
Motion 24	375	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss striping and to include the Board of County Commissioners, and to reconvene by 12:12 PM
Motion 24	376	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss Appraiser’s Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Appraiser Zach Edwards, and to reconvene by 12:12 PM

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 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**
- MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**
- MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**
- MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**
- NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the August 2024 Clerk’s Report. She gave details about the report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wood asked about funds spent on dust control and Ms. Lusker answered that they would have to ask Ms. Edwards in Road and Bridge about that.

On motion (24-378) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the August 2024 Clerk’s Report as presented.

On a roll call vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned he has gotten confirmation that Mr. Bruce Chaldney from KAC will be attending the SEK District Meeting on September

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19, 2024 and will be speaking to the Commissioners during their breakout session. Mr. Emerson gave some details regarding this. Commissioner Moody asked when the KAC meeting is and Mr. Emerson answered that it is December 3rd through the 5th.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody stated he has some concerns with the dump truck they purchased over a year ago that they are still waiting to receive. Mr. Emerson mentioned he has been tracking it and that it is scheduled to be delivered in November 2024. Commissioner Moody asked to have that in writing and Mr. Emerson answered that he has an email with that information in it.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the Large Childcare MOU's that he is needing to sign. He stated he got a chance to look them over yesterday and that he does not understand some of it so he wants Mr. Emerson to get Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to come to a meeting and explain the MOU. Commissioner Wood asked if SEKCAP was supposed to give an update on what they are going to do with their grant and Mr. Emerson explained. Mr. Emerson mentioned he will see if Mr. Bodensteiner can attend the meeting on Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker gave an update on the upcoming SEK District Meeting. She mentioned about 100 people have sent in an RSVP and that plans are coming along well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-379) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody 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 land use consultant and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:35 AM.
Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: 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 (24-380) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more

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than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:43 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-381) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody 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 lease documents and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:56 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:46 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a service agreement between Adam Jones Law Firm, P.A. and Crawford County. He explained this is a contract with Adam Jones Law Firm, P.A. for attorney Joshua Albin, and Mr. Emerson stated if all goes to schedule, August 1, 2025 would be their completion date. Mr. Emerson stated there are two options for the cost for the Comprehensive Plan which would be an hourly rate of \$300/hr being option number one, or option number two of a total inclusive fee of \$150,000 payable over a 12 month period. Mr. Emerson stated he is recommending option number two. Commissioner Moody mentioned that is a great deal of money but that the Comprehensive Plan will be utilized for roughly the next 20 years. Commissioner Wood asked if we should put in to not exceed \$150,000 and Mr. Emerson explained the \$150,000 is a flat rate that will not be exceeded if they choose that option. Commissioner Blair added that this Comprehensive Plan is not being done strictly because of the wind and solar issues that have come up, but that the Comprehensive Plan in general is needing to be updated regardless of wind and solar as it is 25 years old.

On motion (24-382) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the contract between Crawford County and Adams Jones Law Firm, P.A. in the

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amount of \$150,000 to be payable over a 12 month period for the Comprehensive Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson discussed upcoming work sessions. He mentioned on Friday September 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM the Commissioners will have a work session with the Road Foremen. Mr. Emerson stated the Commissioners will then have a work session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner on Friday as well at 9:30 AM.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 6, 2024- 9:00 AM Work session with Road Foremen to discuss Road and Bridge Department.

Item Two: September 6, 2024- 9:30 AM Work session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to discuss MOU.

Item Three: September 6, 2024- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted street in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

Item Four: September 6, 2024- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on closing and vacating a roadway and right-of-way in Martin Kane's 2nd Addition to the City of Arma, Kansas.

Item Five: September 10, 2024- 9:00 AM Work session with Bukaty Companies regarding insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [September 3, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:54 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.

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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



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken RJA 09/03/24 2:00 PM/amended BKW 9/4/24 3:00 PM](#)