

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SIXTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 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.

Chairman Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Carl Wood was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-331) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 18, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 23	326	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 15, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 23	327	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Alleys in Mayer's Addition to South Radley with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on September 22, 2023
Motion 23	328	To approve the request from the Girard Alumni to install a tent on Crawford County Courthouse grounds the weekend of Fall Festival

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Motion 23	329	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road and Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:25 AM
Motion 23	330	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:39 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker discussed scheduling the next budget work session. The Commissioner scheduled the budget work session for August 25, 2023 immediately following the Regular Session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated over the last couple of years the county has done a Lunch and Learn with county employees to discuss changes in policies. Mr. Emerson mentioned that he believes in the past they have hosted one located in Girard and then another located in Pittsburg, and that he believes it has typically cost the county \$3,000 to \$4,000. He stated he has also discussed with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan about starting the process of moving open enrollment to an online enrollment which would include having all the documents for insurance online. It was mentioned that there would also still be paper copies available as well. Commissioner Wood asked if the Lunch and Learn is something that is separate from the Health Fair and Mr. Emerson explained that they are two separate things.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked for an update on the Tax Sale that took place on August 15, 2023. Mr. Emerson informed him that the Tax Sale went over well and resulted in the collection of over \$107,000. He mentioned how they tried new procedures this year by preregistering bidders to help the flow of traffic. Commissioner Wood asked what would next years Tax Sale include and Mr. Emerson stated it would include years 2016, 2017, 2018, and to be determined 2019. Commissioner Wood asked when the next Tax Sale would be and Mr. Emerson said that is still not determined as they are waiting for information back from the Abstract Office before they can continue with that.

OLD BUSINESS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-332) of Commissioner Wood 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss a contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:30 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 22, 2023 – Work Session with Mr. Robert Gorentz and Mr. Aaron Crozier immediately after the Regular Session.

Item Two: August 25, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work session with Bukaty Company to discuss insurance.

Item Three: August 25, 2023 – Work Session to discuss the 2024 Budget immediately after the Regular Session.

Item Four: August 29, 2023- Mental Health Director Heather Spaur presenting Stepping Up Initiative Proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 4, 2023- Crawford County Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [August 22, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:31 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 8/22/23 10:31 AM/amended RJA 8/23/23 11:00 AM/amended BKW 8/23/23 12:15 PM](#)