

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, [NINETY-FIRST MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, December 15, 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.

Commissioner Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were 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 (23-510) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 12, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 626365 to 626637 dated December 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$586,949.30, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood 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 23	503	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 8, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	504	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 the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:20 AM

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Motion 23	505	To approve the publication for the 2023 Budget Amendment for Crawford County and to set a hearing date of December 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Motion 23	506	To approve payment of the invoice from Kansas Association of Counties for the 2024 KAC Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$8,230.26
Motion 23	507	To adopt Resolution #2023-024, A Resolution Exempting Crawford County, Kansas from Using the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the Preparation of its Financial Statements and Reports
Motion 23	508	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 a county employee and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:55 AM
Motion 23	509	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 county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:00 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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Health Department Director Debra Anthony & Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz addressing change order from Tri-State Building & Supply Co, Inc. for the Health Department Project in the amount of \$9,246.00. There was a discussion on doing the work in house and it was decided to approve Tri-State to do the work.

On motion (23-511) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve Change Event #23037-002 from Tri-State Building & Supply Co, Inc. for the Health Department Project in the amount of \$9,246.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody discussed the house that the County Land Bank obtained on the Franklin bypass and County Counselor Jim Emerson confirmed that the

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deed is updated with the County Land Bank. Commissioner Moody stated it is an eye sore and that they have discussed sending a crew in to tear it down and clean it up. He mentioned with the company B3 Construction it would be \$4,500 if they hired it out or asked if it is something they want to try and do with county employees. All Commissioners mentioned that they agree that B3 does good work for a good price. Commissioner Blair mentioned B3 has their own landfill to haul the material off too as well and that is beneficial. Commissioner Blair mentioned that he believes it would cost at least half of the given price from B3 just to bring two dumpsters in to have the County complete the project itself.

On motion (23-512) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve hiring B3 Construction in the amount of \$4,500 to demolish the structure at 206 W 10th St, Franklin located on the Franklin bypass owned by the Crawford County Land Bank.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody brought up the date of December 22nd and said he heard that District Court is going to be closed that day and Mr. Emerson confirmed this. He asked if they would be interested in closing the Courthouse on the 22nd as well, and Commissioner Wood suggested closing for half of the day. Commissioner Blair stated usually if the court is closed the County closes because they share employees. Commissioner Wood asked Sheriff Dan Smith what they will be doing and he mentioned they do still have to work but they could give the officers who work at the courthouse the day off. Commissioner Moody stated they should just give the entire day off.

On motion (23-513) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the courthouse on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that Mr. Dave Looby, CVB Executive Director will be coming to present his annual update on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 as well as Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President presenting the chamber contract.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented an overview of Risk Management for the year of 2023. He mentioned that the Risk Management account is in very good shape and is not recommending any transfers into that fund for the end of the year. He also stated that this is good news because the last couple of years have been a little rough with this account,

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and that this year there is at least 3 months bank balance in the account. Commissioner Wood asked if this has to cover the months of January and February in 2024 as well, and Mr. Emerson explained January is typically a low month so that it is not a concern at this time and explained that the funding carries over in to 2024.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson readdressed the drawdown from Crossland Construction and the receipts that were provided by them. The amount they are requesting to be transferred is \$461,143.31 which is the money that has been collected in the past 7 years for the County's portion of the Addiction Treatment Center project. He also informed the Commissioners that there is \$127,000 remaining in these funds but that it cannot be transferred until 2024.

On motion (23-514) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the transfer of \$461,143.31 to Crawford County Mental Health to reimburse their payment to Crossland Construction for the Addiction Treatment Center project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-515) 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss a nuisance and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Zoning Administrator May Smith and to reconvene by 10:58 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 19,2023- 9:30 AM Work Session with Ms. Randi Ryan in regards to ARPA.

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Item Two: December 19, 2023 – Mr. Dave Looby, CVB Executive Director presenting annual update.

Item Three: December 19, 2023 – Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President presenting chamber contract.

Item Four: December 26, 2023 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on the 2023 Amended County Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 22, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Item Two: December 22, 2023 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

Item Three: December 25, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

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 [December 15, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:02 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 12/18/23 11:30 AM/amended BKW 12/18/23 12:45 PM