

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, **EIGHTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, December 1, 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.

Commissioner Carl Wood was in attendance.

Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan 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 (23-493)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 28, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	488	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 21, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and Approval of the November 21, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Canvassers
Motion 23	489	To approve the ARPA Drawdown for November 2023
Motion 23	490	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 elections and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:32 AM

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Motion 23	491	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 use of county property and lobbyist contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 AM
Motion 23	492	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 CTECH and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:39 AM

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Attorney Reina Probert requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-494)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood 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 Attorney's Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Attorney Reina Probert and to reconvene by 10:15 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 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### 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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he has had a request for a work session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg on December 8, 2023 at 9:30 AM to discuss the ARPA Budget and billings. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson discussed the Crawford County Open House for flood mapping that was held yesterday from 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Fire Station #1, 911 W 4<sup>th</sup> St,

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Pittsburg. He said that at least 70 people attended and it was a very good event and there were several representatives from the State to answer questions. He stated that a representative from the Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources approached him and stated that she was very impressed with Crawford County and specifically May Smith, Crawford County Flood Plain Administrator and that Ms. Smith and Crawford County was very prepared and Crawford County was one of the best responses she has seen in these meetings. Mr. Emerson explained that the maps are still interim maps and the study will commence for another couple of years and the maps are not set to be finalized and permanent until the end of 2025. Commissioner Wood stated that he attended the meeting for his own personal use and it seemed that the public was pleased with the meeting. Mr. Emerson stated that he wants to thank Ms. Smith and GIS Director Kyle Nelson for their hard work and for staying on top of this project from the beginning as that was the goal. He explained that once the maps are set it is costly to get them amended so it is best to get the problems solved now while the maps are still in the transition stage and before being finalized.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson discussed the ARPA funds and spoke about the funds being obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. He said that he will taking part in a NACO Webinar today that will give more information on the obligation and he will report on the meeting next week. Mr. Emerson answered Commissioner Wood that the county's goal for early next year is to send a letter to every entity that has an open project encouraging the entity to get it finished. There was a discussion on viable projects and a discussion on the reports that will need to be completed by April 2024.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood discussed the old landfill report and inspection. Mr. Emerson stated that he has not received a final report yet. He also discussed a dump fire and Mr. Emerson will contact Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins about a report on the fire.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair discussed using the belly dump.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood discussed the safety meeting with Evergy and stated there was a good turnout from the county and the meeting went well.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair discussed illegal dumping on the county roads and possible putting out a public awareness on what the trash looks like. He also discussed the \$500 fine and the free dump day at the landfill. Commissioner Wood also mentioned the large item drop off at the recycling center.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: December 8, 2023 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg.

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**Item Two: December 8, 2023** – Mr. Brannon Green from Assured Partners discussing insurance.

**Item Three: December 8, 2023-** Mr. Gene Vogler with SEK Recycling Center Inc discussing recycling.

**Item Four: December 8, 2023-** Ms. Heather Spaur, Mental Health Executive Director presenting a Resolution.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: December 5, 2023** – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is to be canceled due to the KAC Conference.

**Item Two: December 5, 6, 7, 2023** – Kansas Association of Counties Conference in Wichita, KS. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

### **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 [December 1, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:32 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

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.**

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**Randi Ryan**

Director of Fiscal Services

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken BKW 12/1/23 10:32 AM/amended BKW 12/6/23 9:00 AM](#)