

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, TWELFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, February 10, 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.

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 (23-070)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 7, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

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	65	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 3, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	66	to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Mental Health 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	67	to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mental Health Executive Director Heather Spaur via telephone call and to reconvene by 10:39 AM

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Motion 23	68	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Appraiser’s Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 11:02 AM
Motion 23	69	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss accounts payable receipts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:01 AM

**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 ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressed the Commissioners. He stated that they are wrapping up the small child care ARPA funding and he presented a total of 7 small child care facilities that he recommends funding. He explained that there is one facility that the license is pending and he suggests approving the funding with a memorandum of agreement but not distribute the funds until the license is received.

**On motion (23-071)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve ARPA funding for seven small child care facilities as presented by Mr. Mike Bodensteiner.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Matthew Godinez, Executive Director of SEKRPC addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Godinez shared good news with the commissioners, the SEKRPC was awarded an \$800,000 grant called Safe Streets for All. This money will pay for architects and engineers to assess all roads in the region. This funding is provided by the new infrastructure bill. Mr. Godinez also provided a snapshot of grant money brought into Crawford County over the years. Mr. Godinez explained that if the county pays the large membership dues to SEKRPC, access to services provided is given to all cities included in the county. Mr. Godinez stated meetings are the first Thursday of the month, and asked for a nomination of a board member to represent the county.

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**On motion (23-072)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve payment of the 2023 dues to the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$8,245.80.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (23-073)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve on the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission board.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Keith E & Lisa A Harris and to request a refund in the amount of \$92.70 from the 2020 tax rolls and the amount of \$79.18 from the 2021 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 2006 Ford Lariat was sold and taxpayer failed to report.

**On motion (23-074)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Keith E & Lisa A Harris and to request a refund in the amount of \$92.70 from the 2020 tax rolls and the amount of \$79.18 from the 2021 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-003, A Resolution appointing Tucker Johnston of 1061 W 690<sup>th</sup> Ave, Walnut, KS to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to run from February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2026.

**On motion (23-075)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2023-003, A Resolution appointing Tucker Johnston of 1061 W 690<sup>th</sup> Ave, Walnut, KS to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to run from February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2026.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson discussed Riley County and Senate Bill #162 on nuisance violations. He stated that this bill will be heard by the Senate local government committee on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. He explained that the bill is specific to Riley County and said that Crawford County would like to be added to this bill or added and amended later. He stated that he has been working on some testimony to support this legislation and the County Lobbyist Mr. Bill Brady, himself and Commissioner Wood will be attending the hearing. Commissioner Blair stated that he would also like to be there. Mr. Emerson stated that in order for them to attend, the Regular Session scheduled for February 14, 2023 will need to be cancelled due to lack of quorum to attend the hearing. Mr. Emerson explained the County's authority in addressing nuisances in prior years and the current authority the County has. He explained that the ultimate nuisance enforcement would be the ability to clean up the property and assess the costs to the tax roll and this is what Riley County is asking for in Senate Bill #162.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and Commissioner Carl Wood requested an additional 15 minutes.

**On motion (23-076)** 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 30 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 11:05 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:03 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (23-077)** 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship to discuss recreation appraisal and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:20 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 11:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-078)** 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 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:27 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (23-079)** 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss Road & Bridge projects and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:41 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 11:26 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:41 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUTURE BUSINESS:**

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**Item One: February 17, 2023 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker to discuss special funding requests.

**Item Two: February 24, 2023 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg.

**Item Three: February 28, 2023 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley located in Block 8 in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: February 14, 2023** – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Commissioners attending hearings in Topeka.

**Item Two: February 14, 2023** – Senate Local Government Committee Hearing on Riley County’s Senate Bill #162 in Topeka. Two Commissioner will be in attendance.

**Item Three: February 20, 2023** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Presidents’ Day.

### 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 [February 10, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:46 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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken BKW 02/10/2023 11:46 AM/amended BKW 2/15/2023 10:30 AM