

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, THIRTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, February 17, 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 (23-080) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 10, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's voucher, and
3. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 619618 to 619849 dated February 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$961,272.79.

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 23	70	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 7, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	71	To approve ARPA funding for seven small child care facilities as presented by Mr. Mike Bodensteiner
Motion 23	72	To approve payment of the 2023 dues to the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$8,245.80
Motion 23	73	To approve the appointment of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve on the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission board

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Motion 23	74	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
Motion 23	75	To adopt Resolution #2023-003, A Resolution appointing Tucker Johnston of 1061 W 690 th 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
Motion 23	76	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
Motion 23	77	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 recreation appraisal and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 23	78	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
Motion 23	79	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

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

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-081) 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 15 minutes to discuss the Maintenance Department under Non-Elected Personnel

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and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:20 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 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel minutes.

On motion (23-082) 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 the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:37 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 10:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:37 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the requests for the Intellectual Disabilities Fund, Special Parks and Recreation Fund, Elderly Fund, Historical Fund and Special Alcohol fund for 2023 for the Commissioners' approval. Commissioner Moody stated that a work session was held this morning at 9:00 AM to discuss these funds and the Commissioners made their decisions on the funding amounts.

On motion (23-083) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the distribution of the 2023 Intellectual Disabilities, Parks & Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding as presented by the County Clerk.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: Ms. Lusker stated that the City of Pittsburg will be holding a Special Election April 11, 2023 for the extension of the public safety sales tax. Commissioner Blair was answered that all the polling locations in Pittsburg will be open on election day.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Crawford County Annual Solid Waste Meeting, Plan Review and Summary received from Dennis Meier from Triad Environmental Services. He stated that the Annual Solid Waste Meeting was held on February 7, 2023 and explained that every year an informal review of the solid waste plan is done and every 5 years a more thorough review is done. Mr. Emerson went over the Plan Review and Summary and discussed the large item drop off held at the SEK Recycling Center on the 2nd Saturday of every month and the free day at the landfill in which Crawford County citizens are allowed one free day each month to bring their trash. Mr. Emerson stated that the City of Pittsburg and some of the other cities will be holding city wide cleanup days and discussed the county holding something similar. He also handed out an update from the SEK Recycling Center and explained the update, the shift in commodity prices and the Center's net loss for the year 2022. There was a discussion on the recycling center. He explained that is it required that the Commissioners approve this report to submit approval to KDHE to fulfill the annual review requirement.

On motion (23-084) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Annual Summary & Review of the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan for 2022.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody stated that he noticed that someone has picked up trash along 69 highway north of Arma and stated that on behalf of Crawford County he wanted to thank whomever it was for taking pride in Crawford County and let them know how much their work is appreciated.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed bidding out culverts and also tracking the use of the culverts. Mr. Emerson will check on this issue.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood discussed zoned and unzoned areas in the County. Mr. Emerson explained that in the areas in the county that have no zoning, the Commissioners have no authority with what is done with the land and that county-wide zoning was attempted in the past with no success.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed new hires and physicals being required. Mr. Emerson will check into the issue.

Item Eight: Commissioner Blair discussed the active shooter training that was held at the courthouse and explained that Sheriff Smith requested that an intercom system be installed with a speaker on each floor of the courthouse. This would be a safety protocol

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so announcements can be made throughout the courthouse, especially in an emergency situation.

On motion (23-085) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the quote from Craw-Kan for an intercom system and speakers for the Courthouse in the amount of \$4,662.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated that she was contacted by a representative of the Kansas Corporation Commission asking that she remind the Commissioners about a public hearing about the NextEra property purchases and the line going in at the Girard Public Library on March 2, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. She presented the Commissioners with information on the public hearing.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson reported on the the hearing on Senate Bill 162 on nuisance violations in the Senate Local Government Committee in Topeka that he and Commissioner Wood attended. He stated that he felt it was very positive and was glad that he was able to testify for Crawford County. He stated that he will keep track of this issue. Commissioner Wood stated that Mr. Emerson did a great job in his testimony and that Zoning Administrator May Smith did an excellent job in providing pictures and documentation.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair presented a quote for additional GPS systems from Track Star International Inc. in the amount of \$14,135.00. Commissioner Wood discussed monitoring of the GPS systems.

On motion (23-086) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the quote from Track Star International Inc for GPS Systems in the amount of \$14,135.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (23-087) 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

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than 15 minutes to discuss the Noxious Weed Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales and to reconvene by 11:30 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 11:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

On motion (23-088) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Noxious Weed 2023 Management Plan and the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2023 as presented by Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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

On motion (23-089) 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 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 11:40 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 11:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-090) 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 30 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:11 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:41 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:58 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS continued

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the City/County Luncheon that will be held March 20, 2023 and Mr. Emerson stated the invitations will go out next week.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

Item Two: 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: Immediately follow the meeting today, more than one Commissioner may be attendance at a retirement reception.

Item Two: 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 17, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:02 PM 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.

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Lisa Lusker
County Clerk



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 02/17/2023 12:02 PM/amended BKW 12/17/2023 2:50 PM