

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SIXTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, February 28, 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 Carl Wood and Tom Moody 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 (23-103) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 24, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	97	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 21, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	98	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Foreman Randy Chiartano and to reconvene by 10:38 AM
Motion 23	99	To approve the ARPA drawdown request for February 2023
Motion 23	100	To adopt Resolution #2023-004, A Resolution appointing Charles (Bob) Gilmore of 521 W Martin St, Pittsburg, 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

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Motion 23	101	To solicit for a new auditing firm for Crawford County
Motion 23	102	To approve the contract for the opioid settlement agreement, authorizing the Chair to sign

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on closing a platted unnamed alley in the town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-104) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on closing a platted unnamed alley in the town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Chairman Blair stated there was no one present that wished to speak either in favor of or against closing a platted unnamed alley in the town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-105) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to close the Public Hearing on closing a platted unnamed alley in the town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-005, A Resolution Closing a Platted Unnamed Alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas. He presented a map of the area and explained where the unopened alley is located. He stated that there were no written protests or concerns received after the Notice of Intent was published and only one landowner is involved.

On motion (23-106) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2023-005, A Resolution Closing a Platted Unnamed Alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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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
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson reminded the Commissioners that there will be two public hearings for affected landowners pertaining to the Nextera Energy transmission southwest line. He stated that the first hearing is in Iola on March 1, 2023 and the second hearing will be at the Girard Public Library on March 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM where the formal meeting will start at 6:00 PM. Mr. Emerson explained that there will be an opportunity for the public to speak on the subject with representatives from the Kansas Corporation Commission and Nextera Energy. He also said that there will be a Zoom option for the Girard hearing. Mr. Emerson invited anyone with questions to call his office for more information.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed the bid received for a promissory note lease purchase for a 2023 Caterpillar Weiler P385C Asphalt Paver. He stated that Community National Bank in Girard was the low bidder and they offered a 2-year lease purchase agreement with 3.97% interest on a total of \$135,240. Commissioner Wood stated that the interest rate offered is a great rate. Mr. Emerson mentioned that the crack sealer machine will be paid for by county funds outright.

On motion (23-107) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Lease Purchase/Promissory Note between Community National Bank & Trust and the Board of County Commissioners for a 2023 Caterpillar Weiler P385C Asphalt Paver in the amount of \$135,240.00 at 3.97% interest for 24 months and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood stated that the courthouse lawn and landscaping need attention. He stated that he would like to have the work go out for bid. Commissioner Blair wants to make sure that the current lawnmowing company is involved in the process.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood requested a list of cellphones to be discussed in the next meeting.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood would like to discuss code enforcement. He stated he would like to have a work session with Zoning Administrator May Smith to talk about changes made to the policy.

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Item Six: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson about the progress of putting culverts out for bid. Mr. Emerson explained that Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards is working on it.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood stated that he went by the barn and got a copy of the checkout list for culverts. He requested that the list be changed to include what the culvert is for, where it is being placed and whether it is a replacement or new install. He stated that the current list is too generic. Commissioner Blair read the sheet aloud and stated that all those items are on the sheet already.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood stated that the ARPA packet was very professional and all the items should be approved for payment.

Item Nine: Commissioner Wood commented on the state of the trash being better in the county. He stated that all trucks he observed were tarped. Commissioner Moody thanked Sheriff Danny Smith for helping police the trucks going in and out of the landfill to make sure they were tarped.

Item Ten: Commissioner Wood discussed the tax on food. He requested that Mr. Emerson get info on how much revenue will be lost if the tax bill passes. Mr. Emerson stated that the state is working on gathering that information.

Item Eleven: Commissioner Wood spoke about gathering information on military veterans' housing.

Item Twelve: Commissioner Blair stated that the next SEK Regional Planning Commission meeting is on March 2, 2023 and this will be the first meeting he will attend as a board member. He will report back to the Commissioners after the meeting.

Item Thirteen: Commissioner Blair said he attended the FFA breakfast and spoke with Rep. Smith, Rep. Collins and Senator Shallenberger regarding the food tax cut.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood stated that he will be visiting the County Health Department at 2pm on Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-108) 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 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 10:43 AM.

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 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:43 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 2, 2023 – Public Hearing on the NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest substation connection project at 3:00 PM at the Girard Public Library.

Item Two: March 9, 2023 -- LEPC meeting with 911 meeting to follow starting at 8:00 AM at the Girard Medical Center.

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 28, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:46 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 LAL 02/28/2023 10:46 AM/amended BKW 3/2/2023 10:30 AM