

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **ELEVENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, February 7, 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 (23-065) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 3, 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	60	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 31, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	61	To approve the January 2023 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 23	62	To approve the ARPA drawdown request for January
Motion 23	63	To 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 county vehicles and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:29 AM

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Motion 23	64	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 nuisance property and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator May Smith and to reconvene by 12:02 PM
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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

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that Mr. Matthew Godinez, Executive Director SEKRPC would like to address the Commissioners on Friday, February 10, 2023 to answer any questions the Commissioner may have on the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson explained that Riley County's nuisance bill was introduced to the Senate yesterday and it is Senate Bill #162. He stated that that Crawford County's Lobbyist Mr. Bill Brady is speaking to Riley County's lobbyist to see what measures Crawford County can take and to see if Crawford County can be involved in the bill.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that he has been in touch with Mr. Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT District Engineer about facilitating cleanup of the Highway 69 area.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody stated that he was approached by an organization yesterday and said that they would clean 69 Hwy from the landfill to Frontenac junction. Commissioner Moody will get additional information and readdress this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-066) 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 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-067) 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 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:19 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:31 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-068) 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 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.

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 10:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 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.

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On motion (23-069) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to accounts payable receipts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:01 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 10:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS continued

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed the ARPA child care funding audit and stated that he spoke to Turnkey Design Build LLC and they should have an auditing report ready soon.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair requested that Mr. Emerson get a list of any board seats that were vacated when Jeremy Johnson left office.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to discuss ARPA funding.

Item Two: February 10, 2023 – Mr. Matthew Godinez, Executive Director SEKRPC.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 7, 2023 – Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Committee will meet from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Pittsburg Public Utilities building.

Item Two: February 9, 2023 – Kansas Association of Counties County Day at the Capitol.

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

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [February 7, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:06 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

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 BKW 02/7/2023 11:03 AM/amended BKW 2/8/2023 1:00 PM](#)