

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, **SIXTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Vice-Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (24-045)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 19, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 24	35	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 12, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	36	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 employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Attorney Reina Probert and to reconvene by 10:24 AM
Motion 24	37	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel

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		to discuss the GIS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and GIS Director Kyle Nelson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
Motion 24	38	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the GIS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and GIS Director Kyle Nelson and to reconvene by 10:55 AM
Motion 24	39	To approve payment of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission invoice in the amount of \$8,245.80 for 2024 dues
Motion 24	40	To approve payment of Progress Billing #4 to Tri-State Building & Supply Co. Inc in the amount of \$163,364.57 for the Health Department Project and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	41	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:42 AM
Motion 24	42	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:57 AM
Motion 24	43	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Zoning Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator May Smith and to reconvene by 12:11 PM
Motion 24	44	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 equipment purchasing and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:21 PM

### 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

**Item One:** Opening of the 2024 Rock Bids. County Clerk Lisa Lusker opened the rock bids from Mulberry Limestone & Midwest Minerals. She presented the bids to Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards. Ms. Edwards read the bids.

**On motion (24-046)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve giving the 2024 Rock bids to Triad Engineering for review and recommendation.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

**The motion prevailed.**

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Ms. Lusker presented the January 2024 ARPA drawdown. She stated that there was a work session held this morning to discuss the drawdown. She listed the entities requesting drawdowns.

**On motion (24-047)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for January 2024.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Ms. Lusker discussed a request from the Crawford County Soil Conservation District in reference to their employees' health insurance. She explained that the Conservation District employees are covered under the County's health insurance plan and the District reimburses the county for the costs. Ms. Lusker explained that due to the retirement of an employee and the hiring of a new employee in training there will be coverage of an extra employee for a few months and the District would like the approval from the Commissioners for this. She stated that the District will still reimburse the county for the additional coverage.

**On motion (24-048)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the health insurance coverage for an additional Crawford County Soil Conservation District employee during the training period.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair discussed issues with the icy conditions of the roads yesterday and the hard work and long hours the Road & Bridge employees incurred.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody stated that he will be attending a Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center board meeting tonight.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-049)** 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:37 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Wood

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### NEW BUSINESS continued

**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood stated that the bid for the 2015 Freightliner Semi Truck through Purple Wave was \$40,000 with a 10% buyers fee for a total of \$44,000 and he would like to take the cost out of the Road & Bridge Equipment Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Moody asked about the balance of that fund and County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the balance is \$337,000.

**On motion (24-050)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve payment of \$44,000 for a 2015 Freightliner Semi Truck to Purple Wave and to pay the funds from the Road & Bridge Equipment Reserve Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Six:** Mr. Emerson stated that Commissioner Wood and himself sat in on the hearing for Senate Bill #162 today which is the Riley County Nuisance bill. He explained that there was a hearing on this last year and today's hearing was an update and it allowed 3 parties to testify including Riley County again. He stated that Senate Tim Shallenburger noted that Crawford County was interested in being part of this bill. Mr. Emerson informed the Commissioners what was discussed in the hearing. He said that this was an informational hearing and no action was taken and the county's lobbyist will keep the county updated on when the bill may resurface for movement, either yea or nay, out of committee.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

**On motion (24-051)** 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 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 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:53 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (24-052)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:14 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 10:54 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: January 26, 2024 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker to review 2024 Historical, Elderly, Parks & Recreation and Special Alcohol Funding Requests.

**Item Two: January 26, 2024 --** Mr. Don Brown, RenoDry USA addressing Courthouse basement.

**Item Three: January 26, 2024 –** Maintenance Director Bob Gorentz addressing Building Projects.

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**Item Four: January 30, 2024** – 10:00 AM Public hearing on vacating Platted Alleys & Streets located in Knecht's Addition and Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### 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 [January 23, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:15 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

[Taken BKW 1/24/24 10:30 AM/amended BKW 1/24/24 11:00 AM](#)