

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, January 30, 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

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

Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (24-061) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 26, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 24	53	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 23, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	54	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 attorney's office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Attorney Reina Probert, and to reconvene by 10:21 AM
Motion 24	55	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Jay Hodges and to request a

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		refund in the amount of \$30.16 from the 2020 tax rolls and \$22.72 from the 2021 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	56	To approve the Elderly, Historical, Special Alcohol, and Parks and Recreation funding requests for 2024 as presented
Motion 24	57	To allocate \$19,090 of ARPA funding in to the Administration account
Motion 24	58	To advertise for bids on the storage facility by the Sheriff's Department
Motion 24	59	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 11:49 AM
Motion 24	60	To approve a cost-of-living increase for county employees at a rate of 3% with a minimum raise of 60 cents per hour and a maximum raise of \$1.00 per hour, to approve a \$200.00 per month increase for Elected Officials, and to approve an increase in the County Commissioner vehicle allowance by \$100.00 per month with these increases effective retroactive to December 21, 2023

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: Public hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (24-062) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Raymond Saia was present for public comment and stated he received a letter in regards to vacating the alley and platted street and County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a handout including some more information to Mr. Saia. Mr. David Strukel was also present for public comment. Both gentlemen were in favor of this resolution.

On motion (24-063) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2024-001, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (24-064) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2024-001, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley and a Platted Street in Knecht's Addition and a Platted Street in Aurelio Rondelli Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (24-065) of Commissioner Moody 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 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county projects and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz, and to reconvene by 10:35 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2024-002, a Resolution to re-appoint Bonnie Houk of 137 N Hwy 3, Girard, Kansas and Dee Hough of 204 Crestwood Lane,

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Pittsburg Kansas to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to run from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

On motion (24-066) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2024-002, a Resolution to re-appoint Bonnie Houk of 137 N Hwy 3, Girard, Kansas and Dee Hough of 204 Crestwood Lane, Pittsburg Kansas to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to run from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a request for Fire District #2 for a purchasing card with a \$2,500 limit through GN Bank. He mentioned they did not have their own credit card and had to use one of the county cards for a purchase that was only available through credit card. Mr. Emerson stated if approved he will send them information and it will take 2 to 3 weeks to get the card through.

On motion (24-067) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve a purchasing card for Crawford County Fire District #2 with a credit limit of \$2,500 through GN Bank.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody mentioned that he and Mr. Emerson met with the City of Frontenac and the representative from the City of Pittsburg yesterday to discuss the grant application that was presented to the Commissioners on Friday, January 26th. He stated that the City of Frontenac has a meeting on Monday night and City of Pittsburg has meetings on Tuesday nights so City of Frontenac will discuss this at their meeting and hopefully have an answer by Tuesday, February 6th. Commissioner Wood asked if that was going to be too late to decide and Mr. Emerson answered that the City of Pittsburg was going to move forward with some preliminary work on the application process and then depending on the answer of the county and City of Frontenac will determine the remainder of this process and if the City of Frontenac and the county decide not to participate then the City of Pittsburg will pay for the preliminary work that has been done.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood mentioned that he is looking for a Lowboy trailer for District #3 and when he finds one, he will bring it to the other Commissioners to determine approval.

OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Mr. Emerson reminded the Commissioners of a couple of items. First was County Day at the Capitol from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on February 8th. He explained that KAC would like registrations as soon as possible, preferably by February 1st. Mr. Dave Looby, Executive Director of the CVB mentioned that if anyone attending County Day at the Capitol was in town February 7th, it would be a good opportunity for them meet with some of the people from Tourism as they will be there on February 7th. Mr. Emerson also stated they need to know who is interested in attending this conference so that they can get hotel rooms reserved. Commissioner Wood asked when Mr. Emerson needed to know who will be attending and Mr. Emerson said by Friday, February 2nd would be fine. Commissioner Wood asked if he was correct when he assumed this would be mingling with Senators and he was answered that he was correct.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned that KAC will be hosting a meeting of Commissioners here in Crawford County coming up soon and that he will report more details of this in the next couple of weeks. He mentioned he has also been in contact with Mr. Dave Looby with Explore Crawford County to work on getting some events set up for those visiting as well as any spouses that attend as well.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood said he has several people contact him over the weekend in regards to the topic that was previously discussed about county wide zoning when it came to issuing a moratorium on the wind farms. He stated all of the people he talked with in his district have already been zoned. Commissioner Moody stated he also received four phone calls in regards to this topic as well and they all were not interested in the county wide zoning. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson again when they had last done the comprehensive plan and Mr. Emerson answered that it was back in 2002 and that it is time to reevaluate it. Commissioner Wood asked who all needs to be involved with the reevaluation of this plan and it was explained the first thing the county has to do is get a consultant and their process will take 8 to 10 months, and then they will bring it to the Commissioners and there will be a public hearing done on it. Mr. Emerson mentioned that Zoning Director May Smith said she will be looking into the zoning aspects of this comprehensive plan as well.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody discussed that the house on the county land bank property in Franklin that they have been working on has officially been demolished. He mentioned the next step is to clean up the nuisance property across the highway that was previously discussed and Mr. Emerson said he believes they were going to that location today.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 6, 2024 – Ms. Heather Spaur, Mental Health Executive Director addressing SDA program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Item One: February 8th, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM County Day at the Capitol. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

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 [January 30, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:50 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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 RJA 1/31/2024 3:00 PM/amended BKW 2/1/24 11:00 AM