

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, **THIRD** MEETING
Reorganization

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Monday, January 9, 2017**, [Following the Oath of Office Ceremony](#)

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 Jeff Murphy and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Pyle the County Clerk reported that Mr. Tom Moody, Mr. Donald Pyle, Ms. Sandra Casey, Mr. Michael Gayoso, Jr. and Mr. Dan Peak have been duly administered the Oath of Office at 10:00 AM this day by the Honorable Lori A. Bolton Fleming, District Court Judge for the 11th Judicial District. The oaths of office have been signed by each of the newly elected officials and Judge Fleming and filed in the office of the County Clerk.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (17-009) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 6, 2017** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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 17	007	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 3, 2017 minutes
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Motion 17	008	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. Tim Stebbins and Randy Sandberg
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

REORGANIZATION

The time having arrived, pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 19, to reorganize the Board of Crawford County Commissioners the Board took the following action to dispense of their statutory obligations:

Item One: Election of the Chairman.

On motion (17-010) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the nomination of Commissioner Carl Wood to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The gavel was passed from Commissioner Moody to Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner Wood assumed the duties of the presiding officer.

Item Two: Election of the Vice Chairman

On motion (17-011) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the nomination of Commissioner Jeff Murphy to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

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NEW BUSINESS

Item One: The time having arrived to name the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County the following were recommended as the current working banks of the county: First National Bank of Girard, Exchange State Bank of Girard and Girard National Bank.

On motion (17-012) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to name the First National Bank of Girard, Exchange State Bank of Girard and Girard National Bank as the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: The time having arrived to name the official newspaper publications of Crawford County the following were recommended as the current official newspaper of the county: the *Pittsburg Morning Sun*.

On motion (17-013) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to name the *Pittsburg Morning Sun* as the official newspaper publications of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator requested an executive session to discuss issues involving non-elected personnel.

Item Four: Mr. Murphy addressed the tax abatement policy and Mr. Emerson stated he will have information ready on Friday. The Commissioners decided to discuss it during the regular session instead of scheduling a work session. Mr. Murphy gave a short description of the policy. Mr. Emerson stated that this is for commercial and industrial development in the County. Mr. Wood was answered that for residential properties a neighbor revitalization program could be implemented in the county. Mr. Emerson said the tax abatement policy would be for unincorporated areas of the county only. He also stated that a neighborhood revitalization project could be set in certain areas of the county or could be county wide in the unincorporated areas and the school districts would also have to sign off on it. Mr. Murphy suggested working on adopting the tax abatement policy for commercial and industrial properties and then work on the residential properties.

Item Five: Mr. Moody stated that he was concerned that the landfill reports tonnage amount fluctuates very little month per month and even year by year. He asked about the

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possibility of an audit. Mr. Wood was answered that the landfill contract comes due in October 2018. Mr. Moody stated that since the contract comes due in 2018 he would like to start now looking into the details of the contracts and making changes.

Item Six: Mr. Wood stated that the belly dump will be picked up tomorrow. The Commissioners discussed other equipment issues.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Wood stated that the remodeling has started in the Appraiser's Office and he is very pleased with the way it looks and questioned what fund the carpet should be taken out of. Mr. Moody stated he would like consistency in the courthouse and have the carpet in all offices the same.

Item Two: The Commissioners answered questions about their plans for 2017 for Morning Sun Reporter Chance Hoener for a newspaper article.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

On motion (17-014) 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 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Zoning Administrator Troy Graham requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (17-015) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Zoning Administrator Troy Graham.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:02 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Mr. Wood discussed having safety meetings on January 24th and January 25th for the Road and Bridge employees and at the same time introduce the new changes in the handbooks. The other Commissioners agreed. Mr. Wood will work on setting it up.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 10, 2017 – There will no Board of County Commission meeting due to the Reorganization Meeting being held on January 9, 2017.

Item Two: January 11, 2017 –Live Well Crawford County will have their Annual Meeting and Social at Memorial Auditorium from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Three: January 16, 2017 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Item Four: January 19, 2017 – SEK, Inc 2017 Annual Meeting & Dinner at 4:00 PM at the Crestwood Country Club. All three 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 Murphy to adjourn the [January 9, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:30 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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.

Don Pyle

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County Clerk



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 1/09/17 11:13 AM/amended BKW 1/12/17 11:30 AM](#)