

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2016, **FIFTY-FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, July 15, 2016, 10:40 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 Carl Wood and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (16-240) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 12, 2016** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers **566347 to 566600 dated July 15, 2016 in the total amount of \$347,398.02**, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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 16	234	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 8, 2016 minutes
Motion 16	235	To approve the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Contract for the Coordination of Early Detection Works Provider Services in Southeast Kansas and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 16	236	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: George C Brown Post 26 “Girard American Legion Stand Fairgrounds” PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard KS DATE: Beginning at 8:00 AM August 3, 2016 and ending at 11:59 PM on August 6, 2016. (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 16	237	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,773.16 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 16	238	To approve the Request to the Public Health Law Center for Technical Assistance and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 16	239	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

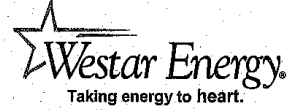
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that he attended the luncheon hosted by Westar about the improvements Westar will be making in Frontenac. Mr. Pyle explained what took place at the meeting and discussed the new substation that Westar is building, where the connections will be, and where it will tie into other existing lines. Mr. Murphy was answered that it will be in the city limits of Frontenac and on property owned by Sugar Creek Packing Company in the very SE corner of Sugar Creek’s property. He stated that Westar is in the progress of purchasing that property from Sugar Creek Packing. Mr. Pyle addressed the notification of adjacent property owners and that letters were required to be sent to the landowners within 200’ of the proposed location. He stated that there will be an open public meeting on July 28 at Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Pyle stated that Representative Lusker asked Westar about rate increases due to the new substation and Westar answered that it is already included in the current budget.

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July 12, 2016

Dear Landowner,

Westar Energy is making improvements to the electrical system in your area that may impact your property. Please join us July 28 for an open house to learn about the **Frontenac and Pittsburg Electric Reliability Project**.

Westar will build new substation and transmission lines that will run through Frontenac and Pittsburg. The planned project will ensure a more reliable power supply to the businesses and residents of both cities. A map of the proposed line routes and substation site is enclosed.

We encourage you to join us between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 at the Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center, 503 North Pine in Pittsburg to learn more about the project and speak with representatives. You may come and go at your convenience. Landowners and residents along the proposed transmission lines and near the proposed substation site are receiving this letter. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Your attendance is important to us. By coming to the public informational open house, you will:

- Help us learn more about the area in which the project will take place
- Learn about the logistics and benefits of the project
- Understand how the project could affect your property
- Share your concerns and receive answers to your questions

We look forward to meeting with you at the open house. If you have questions prior to the open house, please contact Alan Morti at (316) 299-7108 or by email at Alan.Morti@westarenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald K. Cain".

Gerald K. Cain
Real Estate Coordinator, Westar Energy

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Kari D. West
C&I Business Manager
kari.west@westarenergy.com



July 1, 2016

Don Pyle
Crawford County Clerk
PO Box 249
Girard, KS 66743

RE: Frontenac and Pittsburg Reliability Project – Community Advisory Committee

Dear Don,

Westar Energy would like to talk to you about some upgrades we are making in the cities of Frontenac and Pittsburg. By building new transmission lines and a substation, the planned project will ensure a more reliable power supply to the businesses and residents of both cities.

Join us for lunch and to hear the specifics of the project from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 13 at the Frontenac Senior Center, 113 N. Crawford, Frontenac, Kan.

This Community Advisory Committee meeting will include a short presentation from project representatives regarding the purpose of the project, the schedule and how we plan to keep the community informed. This meeting will be with elected officials, agency representatives and local leadership.

We look forward to speaking with you and gaining your insight at the Community Advisory Committee meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to learn more about the planned improvements, please feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari D. West", written over a horizontal line.

Kari D. West
Business Manager, Westar Energy
c: (620) 249 6766
Kari.West@westarenergy.com

Item Two: Mr. Murphy asked about having a work session on the 2017 budget. The Commissioners decided to hold a work session on July 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Item Three: Mr. Murphy addressed doing some chip and seal work on the roads inside the fairgrounds. The Commissioners discussed improving these roads and stated that time is running out. Mr. Murphy asked about the Convention and Visitors Bureau budget. The Commissioner decided to have Randy Chairtano do an estimate on improvements to the road and then ask BJ Harris to attend to a meeting to discuss this. Mr. Wood stated he had our maintenance department go out and check out the air conditioners in the buildings at the fairgrounds to make sure everything is up and running. The Commissioners feel there is another entity that should be helping out and that the Fair Board are all volunteers that

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receive no compensation and that work with a very small budget. All Commissioners want to see it as a jewel to the county and bring other events to the grounds.

Item Four: Mr. Wood asked about the lease purchase on the mowers and their status. Mr. Emerson stated that it was decided to pay for 1 mower and lease purchase the other. Mr. Wood asked about selling the old tractors or repairing them. The Commissioners discussed repairing the tractors and using them as spares.

Item Five: Mr. Moody wanted to thank all the candidates that applied for the Emergency Management Position and stated he felt that they were all excellent candidates for the job.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Murphy addressed the new building in Girard and the status. Mr. Wood was answered by Mr. Emerson that these have to be bid out.

Item Two: Mr. Murphy asked about making a decision on the Emergency Management position. Mr. Moody stated would like to look over the applications and his notes before making a decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Mr. Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

On motion (16-241) of Commissioner Wood 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 personnel 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 11:09 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson requested an executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona.

On motion (16-242) 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 personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to

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include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona.

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 11:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Mr. Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona and Deputy County Appraiser John Macary.

On motion (16-243) of Commissioner Wood 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 personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Appraiser Ryan Varsolona and Deputy County Appraiser John Macary.

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 11:39 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:44 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [July 15, 2016](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:45 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.

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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
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
Taken by BKW 7/15/16 11:45 AM/amended BKW 7/18/16 2:04 PM