

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS Friday, June 23, 2017, 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 Don Pyle was seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (17-222) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 20, 2017** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 17	217	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 16, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	218	To increase monthly employee contributions for employees with annual gross pay of less than \$35,000 by \$37.50 per month, for employees with annual gross pay of \$35,000 to \$50,000 by \$50 per month, and for employees with annual gross pay of more than \$50,000 by \$62.50 per month with the changes in rates to become effective beginning with the paycheck payable July 31, 2017

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Motion 17	219	To approve a payment of \$500 to Bath Naylor Funeral Home for indigent burial services
Motion 17	220	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 5 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
Motion 17	221	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Stu Hite, Deputy Sheriff, Crawford County Sheriff's office addressed the Commissioners in reference to the motion on the health insurance employee contribution increases. Mr. Hite stated that he has been a Crawford County Employee for almost 29 years. He expressed his concerns with the increases and stated that he understands why the increases had to be done. He explained that he feels that the benefits for Crawford County employees make up for wages that are not quite competitive with other places of employment. He stated he realizes that a benefit is a benefit and is not a right or guarantee. Mr. Hite wanted the Commissioners to explain how much the extra contributions would generate and what is going to be accomplished with the additional monies. Mr. Wood explained the details and the reason the increase was necessary. Mr. Hite stated that he feels that the employees are not informed as to what is happening with their health insurance and requested that emails be sent out to the employees explaining the insurance claims, premiums and any changes taking place. Mr. Garrett Combs stated that he has been an employee with sheriff's department for 8 years. He addressed the Commissioners with questions on having a cushion fund to fall back on in excessive claim situations. The Commissioners discussed this issue. Mr. Greg Hite addressed the Commissioners in reference to health insurance costs and employee contributions. It was discussed that communication with employees is critical.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Chris Weiner, Girard City Administrator addressed the Commissioners. He stated that the Streetscape project is progressing and gave a short report on where the project was at and that the west entrance to the Courthouse parking lot should be done within the next month. He also discussed trimming some trees in the Courtyard.

Mr. Weiner addressed the chip and sealing of a portion of Southern street which is co-owned by the City of Girard and Crawford County. He stated that he spoke to Mr. Randy Chiartano on this issue and Mr. Chiartano stated he was not sure what the costs would include to chip and seal this portion and whether or not labor for the County employees would be charged to the City. Mr. Wiener discussed the County assisting the City with

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their road work in the past and what charges were incurred. Mr. Moody stated that the County has not charged the City in the past for labor but the Commissioner have some concerns with the rates the City of Girard is charging the County for utilities. Mr. Weiner explained the situation with businesses and government entities using a hose to get water in front of the Public Works building at no cost, the removal of the hose and the solution the City of Girard implemented. There was a lengthy discussion on the utility charges the County is paying to the City and Mr. Weiner explained how the electric rates are broken into categories and what category the County is in. Mr. Wiener stated that he will inform the City Council that the county has concerns with the rates for utilities the county is paying. The Commissioners stated that they have no problem with the County and the City each paying ½ of the costs to chip and seal the portion of Southern and for Mr. Weiner to contact Mr. Chiartano to get an estimate of charges.

Mr. Wood asked about the bar screen at the jail. Mr. Weiner stated there are two options and hopefully he will have a presentation for the Commissioners on the options within the next couple of weeks. He stated that the new lift station is on the way. Mr. Wood asked that they let us know when the presentations are ready so the sheriff can attend the meeting.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Two: Mr. Terry Sercer, Diehl Banwart Bolton, presented the 2016 Crawford County Audit. He explained the audit to the Commissioners and stated that his report issues an unqualified opinion which is the highest level of opinion he can give. He stated that there are no violations of Kansas Statues and no violations of Federal regulations. Mr. Wood asked if there is anything the County can do better on and Mr. Sercer stated that the county gives reliable data and he feels there is nothing that can be improved at this time.

Item Three: IMA consulting with a presentation health insurance alternatives. Ms. Christy Downing, Mr. Brandon Whitely and Mr. Ryan Powell were present. Mr. Powell gave some background information on their company. He stated that their company has expertise with public entities and works with a lot of businesses in Southeast Kansas. Ms. Downing explained the difference between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City. She stated that out of 88 groups their company works with, 35 groups are self-funded. Ms. Downing explained that their company does quarterly meetings with the clients in person, conference calls monthly and monthly reports. She stated that they have a day to day customer service representative to talk to employees directly and she gave information on the support they would give at benefits fairs. Mr. Powell gave information on the 3 components - Contractual Risk Management, Analytics/Health Risk Management, and Strategic Cost Containment. He discussed different considerations for savings and employees utilizing the local County Health Departments. He also discussed prescription costs and different options to lower the costs. It was decided to have another work session when Mr. Emerson and Mr. Murphy are present. The Commissioners scheduled a work session for Friday July 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed a KDOT survey. He stated that he forwarded the email to the Commissioners.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle addressed the need for a transfer of money to the Risk Management Fund. There was a brief discussion of the claims for health insurance.

On motion (17-223) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the transfer of \$80,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Pyle addressed transferring money from other funds to risk management and showed a spreadsheet with the fund information. It was discussed that this would take some of the pressure off of the General Fund.

Item Four: The Commissioners discussed the Independence Day holiday and decided to close the Courthouse on Monday July 3, 2017 and Tuesday July 4, 2017

On motion (17-224) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve closing the Courthouse on July 3, 2017 and July 4, 2017 for the Independence Day Holiday.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 27, 2017 – 9:15 AM Budget Work Session with Mr. John Macary, Crawford County Appraiser's Office.

Item Two: June 27, 2017 – Mr. Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator presenting Resolutions #2017-017 and #2017-018 in reference to new zoning and sub division regulations.

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Item Three: June 30, 2017 – Mr. Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator presenting a Motion of Recommendation for a Conditional Use for Circle B Event Center.

Item Four: July 7, 2017 – 11:00 AM Work Session with IMA Consulting to discuss Health Insurance Consulting Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [June 23, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:35 PM 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 Murphy

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
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 06/23/17 12:35 PM/amended BKW 6/26/17 1:30 PM](#)