

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, March 19, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Commissioner Bruce Blair were 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 (24-148) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 15, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 628181 to 628434 dated March 15, 2024 in the total amount of \$391,718.44.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, 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	144	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 12, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	145	To approve awarding the mowing bid to S & B Lawn Care

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Motion 24	146	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss property acquisition and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 PM
Motion 24	147	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 a Courthouse Employee and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 AM

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

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Ms. Debra Anthony, County Health Director addressed the Commissioners in reference to a grant approval. She presented the Grant Application Signature Page for the Aid to Local Grants Application that requires the Chairman’s signature. Ms. Anthony explained that all the grants included in this package are same as prior years which renew annually and there are no new grants. She presented the request from last year to show that the grants are the same but the amounts requested are increased to the maximum amount. Commissioner Wood asked about the Child Care Licensing Program and Ms. Anthony explained that this grant does the child care licensing for Crawford County and 3 other counties and explained some of what the program entails. Commissioner Wood also asked about other grants received and Ms. Anthony listed a few of the grants. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to know a total amount of the grants the health department receive and Ms. Anthony stated that she will get this information.

On motion (23-149) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Aid to Local Grants Application for grant period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and authorize the Chairman to sign Grant Application Signature Page.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Moody asked Ms. Anthony about the remodel project and she stated that the project turned out well and the additional cameras that were requested are going to be installed soon. She explained the cost of the cameras, the system and the installation fees and discussed where the cameras will be placed.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Brian Wullschleger from Home City Grain Inc. addressed the Commissioners in reference to dust control spraying. He introduced his father, Mr. Dan Wullschleger. Commissioner Moody said that a representative from Scotwood Industries had addressed the Commissioners about a discrepancy in the materials being used by Home City Grain Inc. Brian Wullschleger explained that Home City Grain had worked for Scotwood Industries close to 20 years and decided to branch out on their own in 2021. Dan Wullschleger explained that they are present today to address some negative comments about their product and about them personally made by Scotwood Industries and he thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to address these issues. Brian Wullschleger explained the working relationship between Scotwood and Home City Grain before going out on their own and what took place after telling Scotwood that they were going on their own. He also gave background information about their company. Dan Wullschleger said that they have been doing the actual spraying for the counties for years. He said that he wanted to make it clear that Home City Grain never retired contrary to what was previously said. Brian Wullschleger handed out information on the products used for dust control. He explained the differences in the products, formulas that are used and how the products work for dust control. Commissioner Blair spoke about purchasing the product in bulk and doing the spraying in house. There was a discussion on the Scotwood Industries' Product Data Sheet that was included with Scotwood's bid and a discussion on some information provided by the Wullschleger's from 2022 about the product Scotwood sold Crawford County and the product that was actually delivered to Crawford County. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the Commissioners will stay with the motion awarding the bid to Home City Grain Inc. and look forward to working with them this year. The Wullschleger's again thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Alleys & Street located in George Falletti's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas. He explained where the alleys and street are located and said that the property is in Commissioner Moody's district. He showed a map of the area and stated that he explained to the requesting land owner that the external road and alley can not be vacated as it would landlock a parcel of property but the internal alleys and street could be vacated, if approved. Mr. Emerson stated that a public hearing is scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

On motion (24-150) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Alleys & Street located in George Falletti's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in Vanpevenage's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas. He showed a map of the area and explained where the street is located. Mr. Emerson stated that a public hearing is scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

On motion (24-151) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street located in Vanpevenage's Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson spoke about the Public Hearing on land issues on Friday to be held in the Courtroom on the 3rd Floor. He said the he feels the meeting will be well attended and that IT Director Brandon Spaur is working to be able to Zoom the meeting in the courtroom so the public will be able to view the meeting on line and the meeting can also be recorded. He said that the room will also be set up so the public can speak in a microphone and the Commissioners will have microphones. Mr. Emerson also discussed the protocol for the hearing and suggested looking at a time limit of 5 minutes per speaker. He said that there will be a sign in sheet for everyone attending and also a sign in sheet for those who would like to address the Commissioners and hopefully this will keep everything as orderly as possible. The Commissioners agreed with the 5-minute time limit per speaker. Commissioner Blair asked what the sign in sheet will entail and Mr. Emerson said that the public will need to sign in with a name and address. Commissioner Wood asked that security be in attendance.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair spoke about stumps on the courthouse lawn and said that he is working on getting a cost to have them removed.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody addressed Good Friday, March 29, 2024. Ms. Lusker stated that it is up to the Commissioners' discretion on whether or not to give the employees the day off. Mr. Emerson stated that in the past the Courthouse was closed on Good Friday. Commissioner Blair would like to check with County Treasurer Joe Grisolano since this is the last day of the month for vehicle registration. The Commissioners will readdress this issue on Friday.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood asked about the meeting of the Board of County Canvassers on Friday and Mr. Emerson said that the canvassers will meeting at 9:00 on Friday in the Commission Room and the regular session will commence immediately after the adjournment of the Board of County Canvassers. He stated that some of the business of the Board of County Commissioners can be done in the Commission room before moving to the Courtroom for the hearing and hopefully the last item of the meeting will be the hearing in the Courtroom.

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Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed asphalt bids and stated that the bids will be opened in 2 weeks through the City of Pittsburg.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood discussed the repairs to the parking lot at Mental Health.

Item Nine: Commissioner Wood presented information on a trailer he would like to purchase. The Commissioners will readdress this at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated that today is Election Day for the Presidential Preference Primary and the all the polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and urged everyone to get out and vote.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that Ms. Lusker, Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz, Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and himself will meet in the morning to review the bids for the storage building project and will report to the Commissioners on the meeting either Friday or next Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 22, 2024- 9:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass. Commissioner Blair wanted the public to be aware that the Regular Session this day could begin at early as 9:30 AM.

Item Three: March 22, 2024- 10:00 AM Public Hearing on land issues within Crawford County to be held in the Courtroom, 3rd Floor, Courthouse.

Item Four: March 26, 2024 – 8:00 AM Work Session to sign March 2024 bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Five: March 26, 2024 – Mr. Mike Dallman, Field Operations Supervisor, Kansas Division of Property Valuation addressing PVD Compliance **via Zoom**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [March 19, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:12 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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 3/19/24 2:00 PM](#)