

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, March 28, 2023 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Carl Wood was in attendance.

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

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-146) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 24, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 23	140	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 21, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	141	To approve the ARPA drawdown request for March 2023
Motion 23	142	To approve the Request to Exchange Federal Funds under the Federal-Aid Fund Exchange Master Agreement from The Kansas Department of Transportation with available funds after exchange of \$171,708.75 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	143	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 11:23 AM

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Motion 23	144	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 fire districts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:33 AM
Motion 23	145	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:49 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker informed the Commissioners that there will be a City of Pittsburg Special Election on April 11, 2023 and early voting is available in the County Clerk's Office up until noon on April 10, 2023. She explained that the election is on the continuation of a ½ cent public safety sales tax that expires this year. Commissioner Wood was answered that the drop box at the Judicial Center is open. Ms. Lusker stated that all polling locations in the City of Pittsburg will be open on Election Day.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Street & Platted Alleys in Paul Onelio's Subdivision, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on April 28, 2023. He explained where the area is located and stated that it is in Commissioner Moody's district. He said that there are 2 landowners involved.

On motion (23-147) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Street & Platted Alleys in Paul Onelio's Subdivision, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on April 28, 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed issues with trash on the roadsides in the County. He presented photos of a trash truck sent to him by an individual in which the truck had the back open with trash escaping. He also addressed concerns with the trucks not being tarped. He presented a letter to the trash company in the photos stating that the

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truck was observed with the back open, the requirements and regulations for all persons hauling solid waste in the county and the fines involved for those who violate those regulations. Commissioner Wood asked that the Commissioners sign this letter and send it to the company by certified mail. He discussed meeting with Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill and how helpful and cooperative Mr. Sanders has been with the trash issue.

On motion (23-148) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve sending a certified letter to a trash company in Crawford County in reference to regulations for all persons hauling solid waste in the county and the fines involved for those who violate those regulations.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the new radio tower and stated that he had some questions about radio towers and would like to schedule a work session with Communications Director Tim Mikrut. Mr. Emerson stated that he will contact Mr. Mikrut.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed S. 260th St from 171 Hwy to 160 Hwy and putting up “No Thru Trucks” signs. Mr. Emerson stated that he believes there is a 2014 Resolution that was passed in reference to this road. The Commissioners and Mr. Emerson will re-address this issue at a later date.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair stated that he attended the K-State Community Meeting this morning and there was a very good turnout. He stated that he wanted to give a shout out to the Extension Office for the invitation to the meeting and for what they do for the community.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed the culvert bids. He stated that he met with the Road & Bridge Coordinator and the 3 Road Foreman and they went through the bids. He presented the Commissioners with a spreadsheet of the results and stated that there were 2 very close bids, Bo’s 1 Stop from Pittsburg, Kansas & Welborn Sales from Salina, Kansas. He stated that Bo’s 1 Stop was the low bid and they will honor their prices for 1 year. Mr. Emerson said that it was a unanimous decision to recommend Bo’s 1 Stop for culverts for 2023. Commissioner Wood discussed how the ordering will take place and inventorying the culverts. He also discussed storing the culverts.

On motion (23-149) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the bid from Bo’s One Stop for culverts for 2023.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson reported on the meeting that Commissioner Blair and himself attended on Drug Court. He explained that he was involved in trying to implement Drug Court approximately 10 years ago and today there is more flexibility for additional courts at the state level and there are federal grants available to start drug court. He stated that the 31st District has a drug court in place and Judge Creitz spoke during the meeting. Mr. Emerson explained the purpose of drug court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 31, 2023 – Opening of autopsy transportation bids.

Item Two: March 31, 2023 – Zoning Administrator May Smith presenting a new plat and rezoning application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 29, 2023 – 2023 County Commissioner and Road Official Meeting at 9:00 AM at the KDOT Meeting Room in Chanute, Kansas. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [March 28, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:32 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 3/28/2023 10:32 AM/amended 3/29/2023 11:00 AM