

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Friday, March 31, 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 (23-150)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 28, 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	146	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 24, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	147	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
Motion 23	148	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
Motion 23	149	To approve the bid from Bo's One Stop for culverts for 2023

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## UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

**Item One:** Opening of autopsy transportation bids. County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that there were two bids received, Bath Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory and Derfelt Funeral Homes. Ms. Lusker opened the bids and read them aloud. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Emerson review the bids with County Coroner Dr. Adam Paoni and return with a recommendation.

### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Ms. May Smith, Zoning Administrator, presented a Motion of Recommendation on a sub-division to be known as “Quail Hollow” and to rezone the property from agricultural to single family residential. Ms. Smith showed the Commissioners the location and a plat of the new subdivision. She stated that a public hearing was held with the Crawford County Zoning and Planning Board and there was no opposition. She said that the land is owned by Patrick Crossland. She explained there is approximately 25 acres that will be platted, consists of 14 lots, a main road going into the subdivision and 3 cul de sacs within the subdivision. Ms. Smith stated that the lot sizes are between 2 and 3 acres each and the County Sanitarian has approved the size of the lots. Commissioner Wood was answered that the work should begin in May. Ms. Smith said that there were no restrictions placed on the sub division by the Planning and Zoning Board and the boards recommendation is to approve the plat and re-zoning with no restrictions. Ms. Smith presented Resolution #2023-006, A Resolution Accepting and Granting the Proposed Development to be known as “Quail Hollow” and to Accept and Grant the Amendment of Zoning from Agriculture to Single Family Residential.

**On motion (23-151)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2023-006, A Resolution Accepting and Granting the Proposed Development to be known as “Quail Hollow” and to Accept and Grant the Amendment of Zoning from Agriculture to Single Family Residential.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Ms. Smith and Commissioner Blair briefly discussed a tire reclamation program.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### NEW BUSINESS

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**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an ARPA Small Child Care grant application. He explained that that this application was previously missed and it is a \$2,000 grant. He stated that a Memorandum of Understanding will be sent out after approval of the application and a check can be issued after the signing of the MOU.

**On motion (23-152)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the ARPA Small Child Care Grant Application for Annette Buckle Daycare.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that he would like to schedule a work session with Communications Director Tim Mikrut on April 4, 2023 at 9:30. He said that he would also like to schedule a work session with Zoning Administrator May Smith on April 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM. The Commissioners agreed to both work sessions.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood discussed radio towers and asked Mr. Emerson to have Mr. Mikrut contact him.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair explained that yesterday representatives from Caterpillar along with their asphalt specialist gave a demonstration on how to operate the new paving machine. Commissioner Blair stated that about 20 Road & Bridge employees attended throughout the morning and ran the paver. He said that it was a great day and all the crews worked together learning about the machine. He stated that he would like to schedule a work session with the three road foremen and the asphalt leads to work out a schedule and discuss asphalt and how the three districts can help each other. The Commissioners will schedule a work session when Commissioner Moody returns.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair discussed tire programs and stated that he contacted Oak Grove Landfill and was informed that if sidewalls are cut out of the tires, they are considered accepted waste at a landfill. He stated his crew will now cut out the sidewall and put them in the dumpster when they pick up tires that have been dumped on the roads.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented a document on the the rules for motions and the justifications to go into Executive Session. He explained the rules and the justifications the county mainly uses for Executive Sessions.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood stated that he spoke to an engineer from KDOT about putting up signs about littering and fines involved.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood discussed the issue of S. 260<sup>th</sup> St from 171 Hwy to 160 Hwy not being a haul road. Mr. Emerson stated that he is working on this issue. Commissioner Wood also discussed the speed limit on this road.

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**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair stated that Noxious Weed Director Tommy Scales did a soil sample on the courthouse lawn and said that the results of that sample are in the Road & Bridge Office. He said that Mr. Scales will be spraying the lawn for dandelions and other weeds after the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair discussed the pros and cons of purchasing dump trucks for each district. Commissioner Blair stated that purchasing should be based on need, and input from Shop Foreman Josh Peak. Commissioner Wood stated that two dump trucks will be \$300,000-400,000. Commissioner Wood discussed lease purchasing and would like to get approval to purchase a low boy and a road tractor. Both Commissioners plan to work together to fulfill the needs of each district.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (23-153)** of Commissioner Blair 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Mental Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:08 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:53 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:07 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: April 4, 2023 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Communications Director Tim Mikrut to discuss communication towers.

**Item Two: April 11, 2023 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith to discuss nuisance regulations and tire reclamation.

**Item Three: April 11, 2023 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Streets in the Town of Curran.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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### 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 31, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:08 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken BKW 3/31/2023 11:08 AM/amended BKW 3/31/2023 3:00 PM](#)