

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, [THIRTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS [Friday, May 19, 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. Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (17-180) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [May 16, 2017](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

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 17	176	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 12, 2017 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 573736 to 573985 dated May 15, 2017 in the total amount of \$273,941.41
Motion 17	177	To approve the Kansas Department of Corrections Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant Application for FY18 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 17	178	To approve the Memorandum of Understanding Addendum between the Crawford County Attorney's Office, The Board of Crawford County Commissioners, the City of Pittsburg, Kansas and The Pittsburg Police Department and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	179	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel 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: Ms. Kari West, Business Manager for Westar Energy presenting a request for a permanent right of easement. Ms. West stated that they are working on the Frontenac Sub Station Project and explained what is taking place. Ms. West showed a map of the pole placement at the Homer Cole Building in Pittsburg that is owned by Crawford County. This will allow Westar to loop the Franklin and DePaul substations. Ms. West explained that they will use steel poles and there will be one at the front of the Homer Cole building and that is why the easement is needed. Mr. Moody asked how close the pole will be to the asphalt and she stated that the intention is to not disturb the asphalt. The poles have to be set on a 7 foot concrete base and the base of the pole is 6 feet in diameter. There was concern about the pole encroaching on the driveway and if the pole would interfere with the view of the automobiles exiting the driveway. Ms. West will get additional information about the placement of the pole and then return to discuss it.

Item Two: Mr. Ray Hamblin with the Franklin Community Council addressed the issue of the county taking over the maintenance of the storm siren in Franklin. Mr. Hamblin stated that the Council does not have the money to maintain it and that it is used for the safety of Crawford County residents. Sheriff Dan Peak stated that Farlington, Cherokee and McCune have storm sirens and the county does not maintain those. It was suggested that he speak to the Washington Township Board about funding. It was discussed that approximately 250 people live in the area of Franklin and that it is unincorporated at this time. Ms. Bobbi Wicker, Treasurer of the Washington Township, stated that the board would be more than happy to speak with the Council and Mr. Moody suggested that the Emergency Manager attend the meeting. There was a discussion on the range of the storm siren. Mr. Hamblin stated that CDL Electric did the latest repairs on the tower. Mr. Hamblin stated that he is interested in purchasing property in Franklin but he would like to have a road built from 3rd street to the highway to provide access to a housing development. Mr. Hamblin would like the Commissioners to think about that issue. Mr. Hamblin would also like to chip and seal Jasmine Street in Franklin where he lives and he plans to build houses there also. Mr. Murphy stated that with this proposed development they might think about incorporating. Mr. Hamblin stated that he is not interested in incorporating and he does not think any other residents will be interested. He spoke about the Miners Hall Museum and the Franklin Community Council paid for the parking lot. According to their lease agreement they are to maintain it and if it is not sealed this summer it will fall apart. The lease is for a dollar per year and the agreement is for an

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indefinite term. The building and land is owned by Franklin Community Council. He would like the Commissioners to make sure the parking lot is sealed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Don Pyle reported on the KAC Regional Supper that he attended with Mr. Emerson and Mr. Wood. The Kansas Dept. of Revenue PVD Dept. gave a presentation and Mr. Pyle handed out copies of the presentation. Mr. Wood gave his input also and thought it was a very interesting meeting. Mr. Pyle explained that the presentation was about trends in property valuation.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that the Risk Management Account had health insurance claims for the week of \$33,125.12. Mr. Emerson stated that the county needs to transfer \$22,000 to the Risk Management Account according to an email from County Treasurer Joe Grisolano.

On motion (17-181) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Transfer \$22,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Murphy stated that Martinous Produce called about no truck signs on 200th Street and stated that they constantly get calls from truck drivers that need to deliver freight to their warehouse. It was discussed that the signs were put up to keep the trucks off during road construction and Sheriff Peak stated that the local delivery trucks are exempt from this signage. They discussed that it would be good to change the wording on the signs to No Thru Trucks. Commissioner Wood also wanted to discuss the issue of trucks on 20th Street between Lonestar Road and the Bypass. It was discussed that any trucks on this mile of 20th Street will be over the weight limit for the bridge on that road anyway. It was decided to have a sign right at the stoplight on the bypass to prevent trucks from turning onto 20th Street and then having no way to turn around. The Commissioners decided to have No Thru Trucks on 200th Street and No Trucks at all on 20th street. Mr. Emerson will create resolutions to address both of these issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (17-182) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more

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than 15 minutes to discuss matters that would be Deemed Privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sheriff Dan Peak.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:51 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:06 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the budget work sessions. He has 3 work sessions set up for May 23 starting at nine and the commissioners will have a work session with Robert Gorentz at 8:30 AM to discuss maintenance at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg. Mr. Moody stated that he will be gone and will miss the May 30th, June 2nd and June 6th meetings but to go ahead and schedule sessions on the dates that Mr. Moody is gone. Commissioners Murphy and Wood stated that they will not attend the Kansas County Commissioners Association Conference.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy stated that Ron Albertini has been working on the sewer project at the fairgrounds. Mr. Albertini had stated that Radell Construction will be laying the 6" sewer lines for the county free of charge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (17-183) 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 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:20 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (17-184) of Commissioner Wood 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 matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:21 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:23 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (17-185) of Commissioner Wood 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 matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:24 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 23, 2017 – 8:30 AM Work Session with Robert Gorentz to discuss buildings.

Item Two: May 23, 2017 – Budget work sessions with department heads from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 25, 2017 -- Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Memorial Auditorium from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [May 19, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:55 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 5/19/2017 11:28 AM, Amended by DPP 5/22/2017 at 1:52 PM](#)