

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, FORTIETH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, May 26, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were 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 (23-225) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 23, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, 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 23	222	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 19, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	223	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Sign Department and Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 11:17 AM
Motion 23	224	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 Landfill and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson via telephone call and to reconvene by 11:35 AM

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Commissioner Blair stated that there is an error in Motion 23-223 that needs to be corrected.

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Samantha Norris, Crawford County Public Information Office presented the Commissioners with the results from the 69 Highway survey. She explained that the survey is still open until June 2, 2023. The Commissioners discussed what the next step should be. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair discussed meeting with the cities in the County. Commissioner Wood stated that he thinks that the County should meet with KDOT next. Commissioner Blair discussed the issue of the \$13,000,000 being able to be reallocated. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair both agreed that the Commissioners should first meet with City officials along with the interim Secretary of Transportation Mr. Calvin Reed before trying to plan a community meeting. The Commissioners decided to contact Mr. Reed to see when he would be available for a meeting and then contact the city officials. Ms. Garrett stated that she would update the survey results after the survey closes on June 2, 2023 and give to the Commissioners for their review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-226) of Commissioner Blair 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 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 10:25 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:23 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

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Item Two: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented corrected Motion #23-223

On motion (23-227) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve corrected Motion #23-223.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Ms. Lusker stated that the Courthouse will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

Item Four: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a notice from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management notifying the Commissioners of a permit application to transfer Construction and Demolition Landfill Permit 776 from GT Management LLC to CNWA Properties, LLC. He stated that the landfill is located at 1253 S 190th St in Crawford County. He said that Mr. Charles Bowers from the Bureau of Waste Management in Chanute has volunteered to attend a Commission meeting and he feels it would be a good idea to visit with Mr. Bowers. He explained that the Bureau of Waste Management is seeking the Commission's advise and counsel regarding this issue. Mr. Emerson will contact Mr. Bowers and schedule a time for Mr. Bowers to attend a Commission meeting. Commissioner Wood stated that he has concerns with this landfill and Mr. Emerson explained where the landfill is located.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody stated he was contacted by a constituent representing SEK Animal Advocates asking if the County would have any old cars or any type of transportation that could be donated to the organization for use in transporting animals. Commissioner Moody stated that if the other Commissioners are in agreeance, he will start looking into the issue.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood discussed the county's bill vouchers and expressed concerns with the miscellaneous packet. Mr. Emerson will check into this and explain the issue to Commissioner Wood.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood asked if the County has any control over the rural water districts. Commissioner Moody explained that the county has no control. Commissioner Wood stated he had a citizen contact him with issues on the water in the district and he advised him to attend a Commission meeting.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood stated that Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano contacted Mr. Wayne Lehman at the asphalt plant and they will be available to start work at 6:00 AM. He stated that he is in favor of the Road & Bridge department switching to summer house and start at 6:00 AM in the mornings. He stated that if the employees work through lunch, they will leave at 1:30 PM and if they take a lunch break, they will leave at 2:00 PM. He expressed that if the crews are not asphaltting a 30-minute lunch break needs to be taken and leave at 2:00 PM.

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On motion (23-228) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Road & Bridge Department switching to summer hours beginning at 6:00 AM and ending the day at 1:30 PM if no lunch break is taken during asphaltting and ending the day at 2:00 PM with a 30-minute lunch break if not asphaltting.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Nine: Commissioner Blair stated that one of the grant opportunities that Grant Writer Gus Brunetti reviewed was called Safe Streets 4 All. He handed out some information on the grant and stated the SEK Regional Planning Commissioner has been awarded this grant. He explained what is needed for the County to apply for the grant and the match involved.

On motion (23-229) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve notifying KDOT of the intent to apply for the Safe Streets 4 All Grant.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood discussed the condition of some of the trucks in the Road & Bridge Department.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated he spoke with Mr. Sam Hayes from CHC about removing a building located by Mental Health & CHC and the County being able to utilize the building in a different location. Commissioner Wood discussed the county owning this building and other property adjacent. Commissioner Blair will check into costs to relocate this building.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed selling a mower on purple wave.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-230) of Commissioner Blair 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 30 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM.

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Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

On motion (23-231) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 due to the Monday Memorial Day Holiday, however more than one Commissioner may be present at the Courthouse on Tuesday.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item One: June 2, 2023 – Mr. Mark Lehman, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Crawford County Conservation District addressing Conservation District Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 29, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Item Two: May 30, 2023 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 due to the Monday Memorial Day Holiday, however more than one Commissioner may be present at the Courthouse on Tuesday.

Item Two: June 2, 2023 – Girard Chamber of Commerce Coffee at 9:00 AM at the Crawford County Courthouse.

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 [May 26, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:19 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.

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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 5/26/2023 11:19AM/amended BKW 6/1/2023 11:30 AM](#)