

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, FORTIETH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS Tuesday, May 30, 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. Commissioner Jeff Murphy was 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 (17-195) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 26, 2017** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy 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 17	189	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 23, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	190	To approve the Grant of Right of Way between the Board of Crawford County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas and Kansas Gas & Electric Company, a subsidiary of Westar Energy, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	191	To approve the transfer \$118,000 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund
Motion 17	192	To adopt Resolution #2017-016, A Resolution Prohibiting the Operation of Through Trucks and Commercial Vehicles on a Portion of 200 th Street in Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 17	193	To approve the proposal from James River Mechanical for the dehydration of two chiller circuits in the amount of \$9,440.00 and the proposal from James River Mechanical for the purchase of a spare compressor for the chiller system in the amount of \$28,857.00 for the Judicial Center and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	194	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Opening of bids on the Courthouse Roof Project. Mr. Pyle stated that there were 2 bids received. He opened the bids stated the first bid opened was from Murphy Roofing, Stark, Kansas with a bid amount of \$30,906.30 and the second was from ICC Coatings Company Liberty, Missouri with a bid amount of \$32,600. Mr. Pyle turned the bids over to Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Gorentz and Mr. Emerson review the bids and come back Friday with a recommendation.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Kristy Kelley, Community Affairs Manager, District 4 KDOT along with Mr. Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT District 4 Engineer and Mr. George Dockery, KDOT District 4 Area Engineer addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Gudmonson asked if the Commissioners had any concerns. Mr. Wood asked about the Highway 69 and Highway 400 junction. Mr. Dockery stated that the project is scheduled for a letting date in June of 2017. There was a discussion of the construction plans for this intersection and for Langdon Lane and that the goal is for all work and signals to be done in this construction season. It was discussed that the agreement with the casino is that no outdoor venue shows will be held until the road construction is done and that the State will hold the casino to that clause of the agreement. Mr. Wood and Mr. Murphy were answered that the intersection will be kept open at all times and not closed down for construction. Mr. Wood asked for permission to put a sign at 20th street and the 69 bypass to let drivers know that no trucks will be allowed on 20th Street going west from the bypass. Mr. Murphy asked about the recent problems at the intersection of Highways 126 and 7. Mr. Dockery stated that they put up oversized signs, bigger stop ahead signs and have added more rumble strips. Mr. Gudmonson stated that the accident history has been hardly anything for 5 years and then just 2 accidents in a row. He explained that the intersection doesn't have enough traffic to warrant a traffic light. Mr. Murphy asked about the bump outs on the west side of the square in Girard and about grant funds for bike and walking trails. It was discussed that KDOT doesn't get involved with maintenance of the walking and bicycle trails but sometimes has funds to help build them, but when the trails are complete KDOT is out of the picture. The Commissioner thanked the representatives for being here.

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Item Two: Mr. Brad Stroud, Live Well Crawford County Director, regarding the property lease on the Watco trail. He stated that property lease will be similar to the lease with the City of Pittsburg which is 100-year lease at \$10 per year. It was discussed that the National Guard may hold a public service project to clean the trail. Mr. Stroud stated that a land lease is needed before anything else can be done. Mr. Murphy suggested having a work session to decide if the county is interested in leasing the land and taking on this responsibility. Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director, addressed noxious weeds on the trails. Mr. Wood also asked about insurance and who would be liable if someone is hurt on the trail and who is responsible for maintenance. Mr. Stroud wanted to set up a work session within the next 2 weeks. It was decided to hold a work session on June 20th at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Murphy addressed outlets and plumbing at the C-Tech High Tunnel. There were some electrical and plumbing work that will be discussed with Mr. Gorentz.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Cristi Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, regarding the possibility of making changes in coverage and in employee cost for health insurance. It was discussed that the claims have been very high for a few months and that some changes need to be made to not endanger some of the rest of the county budget for this year. There was a discussion of some possible ways to help pay for some of these claims. Ms. Mitchell was going to send additional information on May claims when that is available.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Greg Hite, Shop Foreman addressed repairs on vehicles. Mr. Hite spoke about oil samples and that the cost has increased to \$13.95 per sample. It was discussed that the oil samples indicate that the motor in a grader needs to be completely rebuilt and it was suggested doing the work in house. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Hite should proceed with rebuilding that engine in the county shop.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Murphy asked about the Conference Room in the Road & Bridge/County Counselor office. Mr. Murphy stated that he would like some additional items on the walls and it was decided that Mr. Emerson will work on this issue.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed helping the Road & Bridge Office with bills until their office position is filled. Mr. Pyle stated that he would like all bills to go to the fiscal office first before being laid out for Commissioner approval which is the way that all other departments process their bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:13 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:23 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 2, 2017 – Budget Work Session with Department Heads & Elected Officials starting at 9:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [May 30, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy 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.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 5/30/17 12:25 PM/amended BKW 6/1/17 2:00 PM](#)