

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2022, **SEVENTY-SEVENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, November 4, 2022 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

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

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (22-392)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 1, 2022** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Johnson

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

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

Motion 22	388	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 28, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	389	To approve the October 2022 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 22	390	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 ARPA Child Care Funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson via telephone call and to reconvene by 10:28 AM

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Motion 22	391	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 AM
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### 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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Ms. Phyllis Bitner & Ms. Linda Roberts from Miners Hall Museum addressed the Commissioners. Ms. Linda Roberts stated that she is the Chairman of the Miners Hall Museum and introduced Ms. Phyllis Bitner and stated that she is the treasurer of the museum and co-chairman of the Dragline Committee. Ms. Roberts discussed the museum bringing a Page 618 Walking Dragline into Crawford County and explained what the dragline is. She gave background information on the museum. She discussed the Smithsonian Exhibit that was hosted by Miners Hall Museum and stated that this exhibit brought in over 5,000 visitors to Southeast Kansas from 38 states and 5 foreign countries in a 6-week period. Ms. Roberts stated that herself and the co-chairs for the dragline, Ms. Bitner and Dr. Chris Childers traveled to Hutchinson to receive a special grant. She explained that Miners Hall Museum was awarded a State Tourism Attraction Sub Grant (TASK) in the amount of \$225,000. She said that the State also obtained a \$112,500 for the museum from the Patterson Foundation and Ms. Roberts gave background information on this foundation. Ms. Roberts explained where the Page 619 Walking Dragline will be located and the plans for it to be a tourist attraction. She spoke about the Wilkinson Family and their donations to this project. She stated that one stipulation of the TASK grant was to receive matching funds and with the assistance of Mr. Kevin Mitchelson the museum was awarded \$250,000 in matching funds from the John Parolo Foundation. She said that another stipulation of the grant was letters of support and she wanted to thank the Commissioners for their letter of support. Ms. Roberts stated that the Miners Hall Museum is bringing \$587,500 to Crawford County and wanted to thank the Commissioners for their support in helping them to dream big. Commissioner Moody stated that he has been involved since 2012 and it is amazing what these ladies and everyone else involved in the museum has done for this community. Commissioner Moody said that on behalf of the Commissioners he would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Blair and Ms. Bitner spoke about the information on social media and the time line in getting the drag line moved and ready.

**Item Two:** Mr. Randy Bennett addressed the Commissioners asked about Crawford County Fire District #4 merging with the City of Girard Fire Department. Commissioner Blair stated that the Commissioners briefly met with the City of Girard and discussed the issue to determine the terms in helping the Girard Fire Department. Commissioner Blair

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discussed what was spoke about in that meeting. He stated that he believes there will be a public forum in the future to discuss the ideas and possible plans of the City of Girard and Crawford County Fire District #4. Mr. Bennett stated that he looked for open meetings that discussed this issue but found none. County Counselor Jim Emerson explained how the Commissioners govern the Fire Districts and the Commissioners should have input into any decisions made in reference to a merger. Mr. Bennett stated that some of the citizens of Girard are concerned about loosing the city fire department. Commissioner Blair discussed the needs with volunteers.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that she wanted to remind everyone that Tuesday, November 8, 2022 is the 2022 General Election Day and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. She stated that the polls are open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Election Day and early voting is still available today until 4:00 PM and until 12:00 noon on Monday in the County Clerk's Office.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG CV X) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$11,623.00. He stated that this is for the months of July, August and September, 2022 and this is a small additional award from the ESG CV Grant.

**On motion (22-393)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG CV X) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$11,623.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Johnson

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair stated that a representative from KU put in some traffic counters on Wednesday, one on 200<sup>th</sup> Street to see what the traffic is like on this road and the other one on 20<sup>th</sup> and Free King Highway to see what the traffic is like at that intersection. He stated that the representative from KU offered to do a program on Thursday on snow and ice removal at no or minimal cost. Commissioner Blair will get the details on this.

### OLD BUSINESS:

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-394)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more

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than 20 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 to reconvene by 10:48 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Johnson

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: November 18, 2022 – 9:00 AM** The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2022 General Election.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: November 8, 2022 – 2022 General Election Day.**

**Item Two: November 11, 2022 –** The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day and the Board of County Commissioners Regular Session is cancelled.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [November 4, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:54 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Johnson

**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 11/04/2022 10:54 AM/amended BKW 11/7/2022 3:30 PM](#)