

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2018, SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 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 Jeff Murphy served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (18-354) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the September 28, 2018 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description of motion.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Jason VanBecelaere, Emergency Management Director addressed the JAG Grant (Justice Assistance Grant) application. Ms. Bonnie Houk, Greenbush grant

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writer was also in attendance. Mr. VanBecelaere discussed the items that the grant covers and the cost to the County and Greenbush He explained that the tower cost listed in the grant is just an estimate and feels that those costs can be lowered. Ms. Houk stated that the environmental study was estimated at \$10,000 when the grant was originally applied for last year and estimated at \$35,000 on this application and she feels that when it goes out for bid the cost will be lower. Mr. VanBecelaere explained leasing the tower to 911 and said that the county currently leases 2 towers, one for approximately \$6,000 and one for \$8,100 annually. He stated that there are currently 3 towers owned by the county and those can also be leased to 911 on an annual basis and the money from these leases could be used to recoup some of funds for the new tower. Commissioner Wood was concerned that the 911 money is not guaranteed and Mr. VanBecelaere stated that there is \$320,000 in the 911 fund right now. Ms. Houk explained that today the Commissioners need to approve the application as the deadline is today, she will be notified in approximately 2 weeks if the application was approved and at that time the decision can be made whether or not to accept the grant.

On motion (18-355) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the JAG Grant (Justice Assistance Grant) application.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Kenny Blair, CFS Engineers addressing the biannual bridge report and application for grants. Mr. Blair went through the bridge inspection report with the Commission and explained that all bridges are required to be inspected every 2 years and some are required to be inspected each year. He went over the abbreviated inventory for each bridge, explained the Condition Statement for each bridge and the inspection period for each bridge. Mr. Blair stated that the report lists the weight limits and needed maintenance to the bridges. He explained the maps and how the maps reference back to the report. He stated that there are two maps, one for Rural Secondary Routes and one for Off System Bridges. He stated that each bridge has a folder in the Road & Bridge office which include all details for that bridge. Mr. Blair stated that there were no deletions or additions to the inventory. He explained the maintenance summary in the report that includes all the recommendations for minor maintenance that the Road & Bridge office could repair and the summary of postings that need fixed. He explained the summary of replacement costs of bridges and the listing of all bridges that have a sufficiency rating below 50. He explained the rest of the report and stated that this part of the report is mainly for KDOT's benefit.

The Commissioners and Mr. Blair discussed Bridge #644 and Mr. Murphy stated that it has been requested as a truck route and the weight limit is 12.6 Ton. They discussed the specifics of the bridge and notifying the City of Pittsburg of any changes to posting on

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the bridge. Commissioner Murphy discussed an alternate truck route on bridge #620. There was also a discussion on other possible truck routes.

Mr. Blair discussed the Federal Bridge Replacement Program and explained what is needed to apply. Mr. Murphy discussed the requirements for guard rails.

Item Two: Mr. Stephen Hipfl addressed the Commissioners and stated that he has opened a new business in Crawford County called 'Ol Yale Farms Pumpkin Patch. He stated that they opened last weekend and appreciates any support from the Commissioners. He stated that he has concerns with Commissioner Wood being involved in questioning his business being partially in the flood plain. Mr. Wood stated that he had complaints that he followed through with. Mr. Hipfl asked that Mr. Wood not have an opinion due to conflict of interest as Mr. Wood's family owns the Pumpkin Patch. Mr. Wood stated that he supports new business in Crawford County and if everything is above board he has no problems with Mr. Hipfl's business and wishes him luck. Mr. Wood stated that he feels it is not a conflict of interest as his son is the owner of the Pumpkin Patch and he has no financial interest in his son's business. Mr. Hipfl disagreed and stated that he feels it is a conflict of interest. Mr. Hipfl said that there is enough room for both of the businesses in the county and would like Commissioner Wood to support him and Mr. Wood agreed. Mr. Wood stated that someone contacted him with concerns about flood plains and if Mr. Hipfl has any concerns with him to bring it to the commission meeting and discuss it with him in person. Mr. Moody stated he has seen Mr. Hipfl's business and that Mr. Hipfl has taken a piece of property in Crawford County that was nothing but weeds and made it into a very nice business and is very proud of what he has done. Mr. Wood stated that he wishes Mr. Hipfl well. Mr. Murphy stated he appreciates what Mr. Hipfl is doing for the county and suggested he contact the CVB about advertisement and sponsorship. Mr. Murphy asked if the flood plain issue has been resolved and Mr. Hipfl stated that it has been and Mr. Wood said that he was not sure if the issue has been resolved yet or not. Mr. Hipfl again asked Mr. Wood not to give an opinion due to conflict of interest.

Item Three: Mr. Zac Dickey and Mr. Brannon Green of Next Generation Insurance addressing property and casualty insurance for 2019. He stated that they are asking to be a broker for property and casualty insurance and to be agent of record.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS continued

Item Two: Mr. Greg Hite, Shop Foreman addressed the Commissioners and stated that 4 tractors are down and explained what was wrong with each tractor. The Commissioners discussed options for new tractors. There was also a discussion on other options in mowing and assisting Mr. Murphy with mowing in his district Mr. Hite suggested looking into two tractors for Commissioner Murphy's district and one tractor for Commissioner Moody's district. Mr. Hite and Mr. Murphy will check into prices on new tractors.

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

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Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the September 2018 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of September. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the August 2018 to September 2018 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners decided to readdress the Clerk's Report on Friday.

Item Two: Mr. Murphy presented a bill from CFS Engineers for Field Check Plans on Bridge #205 with a 60% fee payable in the amount of \$22,800.00. He also presented a bill from CFS Engineers for the 2018 Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections in the amount of \$19,200.00.



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INVOICE

Crawford County
111 E. Forest
Girard, KS 66743

June 11, 2018
Invoice No. 38911
CF & S No. 17-5319

Attn: Randy Chiartano

REMINDER #1
09/14/2018

RE: Bridge No. 205

Field Check Plans Completed - 60% Fee Payable

	\$38,000.00	X	60%	\$22,800.00
				<u>\$22,800.00</u>
Less Previously Invoiced				<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE				\$22,800.00

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August 8, 2018
Invoice No. 39207
CF & S No. 17-5233

ATTN: Randy Chiartano

RE: 2018 Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections

Work Completed - Full Fee Payable

Routine Inspections	240	X	\$80.00	<u>\$19,200.00</u>
				\$19,200.00
Less Previously Invoiced				<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE				\$19,200.00

On motion (18-356) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve payment to CFS Engineers on Invoice #38911 for Field Check Plans on Bridge #205 with a 60% fee payable in the amount of \$22,800.00 and on Invoice #39207 for the 2018 Biennial Routine Bridge Inspections in the amount of \$19,200.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Moody stated that he received a call from a constituent in reference to the neighborhood revitalization plan questioning if the if the areas listed in the plan are set in stone. There was a discussion on expanding and a stopping point to expansion. Mr. Emerson said the school district did have concerns with expansion when they agreed to participate in the program.

Item Four: Mr. Wood discussed a Countryside Golf Course road. Mr. Emerson handed out maps of the area. He stated that this subdivision, Smith & Miller Subdivision, was platted in 1904 and when originally platted there was no road platted and it has never been platted. He explained that a year later the railroad company came to the Commission and went through District Court and received a condemnation for railroad right of way in that area. Mr. Emerson stated that the road is actually part of a railroad right of way. He stated that the railway company went out of business and in 1954 the tracks were removed and has been used as a road since then. Mr. Emerson stated that an employee in the appraiser's office did extensive research on rail road right of ways and that there are some court cases in the salt mines that he would like to review. He stated

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that somehow the landowner has received clear title to the ROW. Mr. Emerson stated that there is no record that it was ever a county road and it is either private property or railroad right of way. Mr. Wood stated that it needs to be platted as a county road or 2 landowners will be landlocked. Mr. Emerson stated he would like to look at court cases that he did not have a chance to look at. He said it will take a while to obtain these and, in the meantime, have Mr. Albertini looked into making it a county road. Mr. Bruce Blair, 325 S 180th, stated that his family has encountered a similar situation and would like to have this road platted as a county road also. He stated that there are quite a few situations like this in the county and if one is going to be platted as a county road all similar situations should be looked at and treated the same.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the mailing of advanced ballot applications to Crawford County voters from the Center for Voter Information in Springfield Missouri. Mr. Pyle stated that he contacted the Secretary of State's office and discussed the mailing and was informed that the mailing was legal.

Item Two: Mr. Moody stated that Mr. Blessant from Mulberry Limestone contacted him about his requested Conditional Use and when the Commissioners will readdress this issue. The Commissioners would like Zoning Administrator Troy Graham to contact the parties involved to schedule a meeting to try to finalize a decision.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 5, 2018 – Ryan Insurance, LLC addressing work comp quarterly loss report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 8, 2018 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [October 2, 2018](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:06 PM 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.

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Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
[Taken BKW 10/02/18 12:06 PM/amended BKW 12/4/18 1:00 PM](#)