

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, [SEVENTY-FIFTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, October 6, 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 (23-432) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 3, 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	421	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 29, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	422	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and to reconvene by 10:22 AM
Motion 23	423	To approve the September 2023 Clerk's Report as presented

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Motion 23	424	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$8,081.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	425	To approve the low bid for fencing at the Road & Bridge District #3 Building from Jones Construction in the amount of \$6,690
Motion 23	426	To approve the revised proposal for the Health Department Remodel Project from Tri-State Building and Supply Co and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	427	To approve the quote from Richard Gilmore Plumbing for the RJA Building and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	428	To approve the Agreement between Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineers, P.A. and Crawford County Kansas for engineering services for the bridge replacement of County Bridge No. 35
Motion 23	429	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county policies and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:58 AM
Motion 23	430	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Appraiser's Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Appraiser Zach Edwards, and to reconvene by 11:10 AM
Motion 23	431	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 legal advice and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:15 AM

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Becky Gray, Community Health Center of SEK addressing transportation. She stated the purpose of this is to present the Commissioners with data that proves the need for transportation in the community. Commissioner Blair asked for Ms. Gray to explain ambulatory difficulty to him, and she informed him that it means difficulty walking or moving around.

On motion (23-433) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter of support for Community Health Center of SEK General Public Transportation.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated District Court Administrator Mac Young reached out to her wanting to schedule a work session including Judge Lori Fleming to discuss the Pittsburg court improvements on October 13, 2023. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he will be gone so asked to see if they could meet on October 20, 2023. Ms. Lusker will contact Mr. Young.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement between Crawford County, Kansas and NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”).

On motion (23-434) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement between Crawford County, Kansas and NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC (“NEET Southwest”).

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed a building for the County Clerk’s Office. He mentioned that last he heard was that it was going to out to an architect and wanted to know if that is still the progress that has been made. Mr. Emerson confirmed and Commissioner Wood asked if it has been out for bid yet and Mr. Emerson stated it has not.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Application and Certification of Payment for the Addiction Treatment Center project. He stated he has discussed this with Mental Health Director Heather Spaur and they agreed they wanted applications and certifications before they sent any payments. He presented the Application and Certification for Payment from Crossland Construction in the amount of \$411,856.69.

On motion (23-435) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Application and Certification for Payment from Crossland Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$411,856.69 for the Addiction Treatment Center and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-436) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the old landfill and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:49 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-437) 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the County Appraiser's office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:58 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, 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 10:52 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 10, 2023- 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner with ARPA update.

Item Two: October 13, 2023- Senator Tim Shallenburger, Representative Kenneth Collins, and Representative Chuck Smith discussing upcoming legislative session.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 6, 2023- Manufacturing Day open house at Hicks Corporation from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. More than one Commissioner may be present.

Item Two: October 9, 2023- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

Item Three: October 11, 2023- Mayor's Breakfast at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium at 8:30 AM. More than one Commissioner may be present.

Item Four: October 12, 2023- KDOT Southeast, District 4 Meeting from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center in Iola, Kansas. Highway 69 will NOT be on the agenda.

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 [October 6, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:53 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.

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 10/06/2023 RJA 3:15 PM/amended BKW 10/6/23 3:30 PM