

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SIXTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, September 12, 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.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (23-369) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 8, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	361	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 5, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	362	To approve Shop Foreman Josh Peak to purchase a diagnostic scan tool if it meets the requirements for the purchase price of \$3,124.64
Motion 23	363	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 regarding the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:28 AM
Motion 23	364	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 regarding EMS Department and to include the Board of County

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		Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:44 AM
Motion 23	365	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss transmission lines and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 AM
Motion 23	366	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 regarding courthouse staff and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:22 AM
Motion 23	367	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 regarding personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and to reconvene by 11:29 AM
Motion 23	368	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 contracts with landfill and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:39 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

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson informed the Commissioners he will be attending a meeting Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM in regards to the Health Department Remodeling Project which will include Head of Maintenance Robert Gorentz, Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and employees of Tri-State Building. He stated this meeting will be to attempt to keep the remodel within the given budget.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Emerson for clarification on the process of the scheduled hearing for the 2024 Budget. Mr. Emerson explained the budget hearing is already scheduled, and publication will take place at a time after the hearing.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed the old landfill property. Mr. Emerson explained a report has not been received from the State of Kansas in regards to the landfill.

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OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood stated he will be going to a meeting Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 4:45 PM in Pittsburg regarding the homeless community that will also involve the Pittsburg City Commissioners.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood also informed the Board that he along with County Counselor Jim Emerson and Foreman Dustin Blair will be meeting with City of Pittsburg employee Matt Bacon in regards to a joint project on Free Kings Highway. He also explained the cost will be split in half between Crawford County and City of Pittsburg. The date of this project has not yet been decided on.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood stated he heard about a meeting at the Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg, KS regarding taxes on Thursday September 14, 2023. He stated he was unsure of details but that he would get the information and contact Commissioner Blair, Commissioner Moody, and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-370) 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 regarding courthouse staff and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:32 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 10:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-371) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding courthouse staff and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:43 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 15, 2023 – Revenue Neutral Rate Hearings and Budget Hearings for Crawford County & Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1,2 & 4 for FY 2024 and FY2024 Fire District No. 3 & Sewer District Budgets.

Item Two: September 19, 2023 – Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 12, 2023- City of Pittsburg Commission Meeting at 4:45 PM in regards to homeless population.

Item Two: September 14, 2023- SEK Officials District Meeting in Cherokee County.

Item Three: September 14, 2023- Meeting at Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg, KS at 1:00 PM regarding taxes.

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 [September 12, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:44 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken 09/13/2023 RJA 2:00 PM/amended BKW 9/12/2023 3:00 PM