

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, [SEVENTIETH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, September 19, 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 (23-383) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 15, 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	372	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 12, 2023 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 624407 to 624620 dated September 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$379,456.41
Motion 23	373	To open the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2024 Crawford County Budget and the Crawford County FY2024 Budget
Motion 23	374	To close the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2024 Crawford County Budget and the Crawford County FY2024 Budget
Motion 23	375	To adopt Resolution #2023-014, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the

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		Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County FY2024 Budget and to approve the Crawford County FY2024 Budget
Motion 23	376	To open the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2024 Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1 & 2 Budgets and the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2024 Budgets and FY2024 Special District Budgets
Motion 23	377	To close the Public Hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2024 Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1 & 2 Budgets and the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2024 Budgets and FY2024 Special District Budgets
Motion 23	378	To adopt Resolution #2023-015, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #1 2024 Budget
Motion 23	379	To adopt Resolution #2023-016, A Resolution of the County of Crawford, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Crawford County Fire District #2 2024 Budget
Motion 23	380	To approve the Crawford County Fire District #1, #2, #3 & #4 FY2024 Budgets and FY2024 Special District Budgets
Motion 23	381	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 HRRR Project and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:58 AM
Motion 23	382	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 the Health Department 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

Item One: Public Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard.

On motion (23-384) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Joseph Clow spoke in regards to the previous annexed land as he is the homeowner of the subject property at 178 Peak Lane, Girard. He explained the situation as to why he

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asked for the land to be annexed into the City of Girard, and why now he is asking for the deannexation.

On motion (23-385) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to close the Public Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-017, a Resolution Approving the Petition to Deannex Certain Property in the City of Girard, Kansas Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-532 and Adopting Findings in Connection Therewith.

On motion (23-386) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2023-017, a Resolution Approving the Petition to Deannex Certain Property in the City of Girard, Kansas Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-532 and Adopting Findings in Connection Therewith.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Security Measures.

On motion (23-387) 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 30 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures if the discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect specific systems, facilities or equipment in reference to cyber security and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Brandon Spaur, and Craw-Kan employee Mario Valenzuela, and to reconvene by 10:41 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 10:11 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:41 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair discussed having the courthouse lawn cleaned up before Girard Fall Festival which he believes will be in the first part of October.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody mentioned that it was brought to his attention earlier in the morning that the flags at the courthouse are out of order. He stated he discussed with Custodian Ben Coomes about fixing this issue.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated he will be attending an E-Community meeting today, September 19, 2023 and that he will update the Board with any information if necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-388) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss county roads and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 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 10:44 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:54 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 22, 2023- 9:30 AM Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut to discuss a communication tower.

Item Two: September 22, 2023 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Alleys in Mayer's Addition to South Radley.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [September 19, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:55 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 09/20/2023 RJA 9:30 AM/amended BKW 9/20/2023 10:00 AM](#)