

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SIXTY-FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, September 1, 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 (23-350) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 29, 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	337	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 25, 2023 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners
Motion 23	338	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 Crawford County Mental Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Mental Health Director Heather Spaur and to reconvene by 10:20 AM

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Motion 23	339	To adopt Resolution #2023-013, A Resolution on Stepping Up to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails
Motion 23	340	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: Steve Hipfl “Ol Yale Farms” PREMISES: 306 S 250th St, Pittsburg, KS 66762 (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 23	341	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 Health Department contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:49 AM
Motion 23	342	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 Maintenance Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Robert Gorentz, and Mr. Aaron Crozier and to reconvene by 10:55 AM
Motion 23	343	To approve the bid from Tri-State Building and Supply Co Inc for the Health Department remodel project and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	344	To approve the ARPA Drawdown for August 2023
Motion 23	345	To approve the use of the courthouse lawn for the Blessing of the First Responders on Sunday, September 10, 2023
Motion 23	346	To approve the quote from Design Mechanical Inc for a new boiler and a filtration system for the Courthouse and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	347	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 the SEK Recycling Center and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 23	348	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 Codes Court and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:33 AM
Motion 23	349	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:44 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

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MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Health Department Director Debra Anthony presented the KDHE Workforce Development Grant application signature page. She stated that the amount of \$143,446.00 is allocated to Crawford County. She explained what the grant funds can be used for.

On motion (23-351) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the KDHE Workforce Development Grant application signature page and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the August 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of August. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the July 2023 to August 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners discussed some of the changes.

On motion (23-352) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the August 2023 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson announced that Crawford County was awarded a bridge project through KDOT for a bridge in the Walnut area. He explained that this is one of 35 bridge projects awarded throughout the State of Kansas. Mr. Emerson stated the awarded amount for the Crawford County bridge is \$900,000 with the County's portion being \$93,914.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant award to Safehouse Crisis Center Inc. in the total amount of \$21,537.57. He stated that this is a pass-through grant. Mr. Emerson explained the documents included in the grant award packet.

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On motion (23-353) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve Kansas Housing Resources Corporation 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant award to Safehouse Crisis Center Inc. in the total amount of \$21,537.57 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody thanked Sheriff Smith for his department's assistance with some problems he encountered with trash trucks on 680th Avenue yesterday.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair briefly discussed the work session held this morning with the Road Foremen and Sign Foreman.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-354) 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 the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:35 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 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-355) 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 ARPA funds and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Lisa Lusker and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-356) 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 the Mental Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:46 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 10:31 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:46 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-357) 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 11:02 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 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Commissioner Moody stated that the Road & Bridge Department change their seasonal hours effective Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: September 5, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session on the 2023 County Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 4, 2023- Crawford County Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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 1, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:58 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 BKW 9/1/23 10:58 AM/amended BKW 9/1/23 2:30 PM