

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SEVENTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, September 26, 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 (23-398) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 22, 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	389	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 19, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	390	To open the Public Hearing on vacating platted alleys in Mayer's Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	391	To close the Public Hearing on vacating platted alleys in Mayer's Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 23	392	To adopt Resolution #2023-018, A Resolution on vacating platted alleys in Mayer’s Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	393	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 911 and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Communications Director Tim Mikrut and to reconvene by 10:23 AM
Motion 23	394	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 to discuss EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and to reconvene by 10:35 AM
Motion 23	395	To approve the Municipal Lease Agreement between Labette Bank and the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department for two 2023 Ford F150s in the total amount of 98,285.00 at 5.24% interest for 36 months and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	396	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS and Timesheets and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:17 AM
Motion 23	397	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 RJA Remodel and Landfill Permit and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:23 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Mental Health Executive Director Heather Spaur requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-399) 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 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss Crawford County Mental

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Health and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mental Health Director Heather Spaur, and to reconvene by 10:27 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 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood mentioned he called to have a dumpster removed out at the Freeto Building. He stated it was the large dumpster that is full.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked County Counselor Jim Emerson what he has been able to sort out in reference to their executive sessions from the previous meeting. Mr. Emerson stated he will discuss that in an executive session later in this meeting.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented the ARPA draw down request for September 2023.

On motion (23-400) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA Drawdown for September 2023.

Yeas: Commissioner Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson handed out a Kansas Department for Children and Families Grant Application for RJA for the Truancy Intervention Program. He explained that the grant is for \$504,266.56 and if successful it will continue to allow RJA to provide truancy services. He also stated that the truancy services were previously funded from a grant through the State of Kansas but it was found out in June 2023 that the grant would no longer be funded. Mr. Emerson explained that RJA has since been using ARPA funding to run the program for the remainder of this year and if they can obtain the grant then the county would benefit from this significantly. Commissioner Wood asked how long this grant funding would last and Mr. Emerson stated to his knowledge this grant could be eligible for up to 3 years. He explained it would be initially for 1 year and then eligible for renewal for up to 2 additional years.

On motion (23-401) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Department for Children and Families Grant Application for RJA for the Truancy Intervention Program in the amount of \$504,266.56 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioner Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented the third and final billing for the RJA/Freeto Building through Tri-State Building and Supply and requested to wait to finalize this until they return from their upcoming executive session.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody stated he will be attending a meeting on Thursday September 28, 2023 with Community Health pertaining to homeless housing and that he will report information to the Board on Friday September 29, 2023.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if he was involved yesterday with the pickup of the 40-yard container from the Freeto building. Mr. Emerson stated he was not in office yesterday and that he was made aware of it this morning and that he will get into contact with someone to take care of it. Commissioner Wood asked to be informed of when it will be picked up.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed the asphalt training in Topeka on October 31, 2023 and November 1, 2023 and stated that it is a one-day training session starting at 9:00 AM Foley, so that whoever is sent will most likely need to stay overnight the night before the training. Commissioner Wood asked if they knew how many would be sent to attend the training and Commissioner Blair said that is something they need to figure out. As far as lodging they discussed having 2 employees per room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-402) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss contracts 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 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:02 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-403) 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 Crawford County Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:18 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 11:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Six: Mr. Emerson presented the third and final invoice from Tri-State Building & Supply Co. Inc. for the RJA/Freeto Building project in the total amount of \$38,114.04.

On motion (23-404) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the third and final invoice from Tri-State Building & Supply Co. Inc. for the RJA/Freeto Building project in the total amount of \$38,114.04 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 29, 2023 – Opening of Fence Bids.

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 26, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:19 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

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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 09/27/2023 RJA 3:00 PM/amended BKW 9/28/23 10:30 AM](#)