

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS Friday, April 28, 2017, 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeff Murphy were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (17-152) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the April 25, 2017 minutes of the Board of County Commissioner, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Item number, and Description of motion.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

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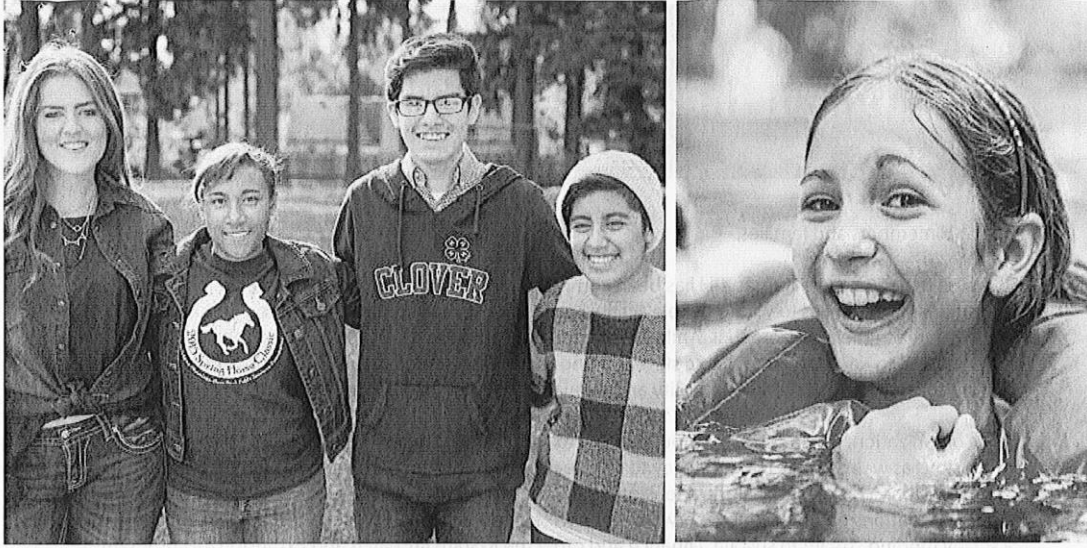
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Rick Pfeiffer, Public Health Administrator addressed the Commissioners in reference to the Health Officer Position vacancy. Mr. Pfeiffer stated that the committee interviewed Ms. Rebecca Adamson, APRN for the position of Crawford County Health Officer. Mr. Pfeiffer stated the committee members consisted of Ms. Diane VanBecelaere, RN Health Department, Mr. Mike Ehling, LCMFT Director of Children's Services Community Mental Health Department, Mr. Brian Jones, Chairman of the Health Department Advisory Board and himself. He stated that he emailed the questions and answers to committee member County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Emerson stated that he has reviewed the interview. Mr. Pfeiffer informed the Commissioners that Ms. Adamson is the committee's recommended applicant. He distributed a copy of the interview to the Commissioners for their review. The Commissioners stated that they will review the interview questions and answers and will contact Mr. Pfeiffer next week with their recommendation.

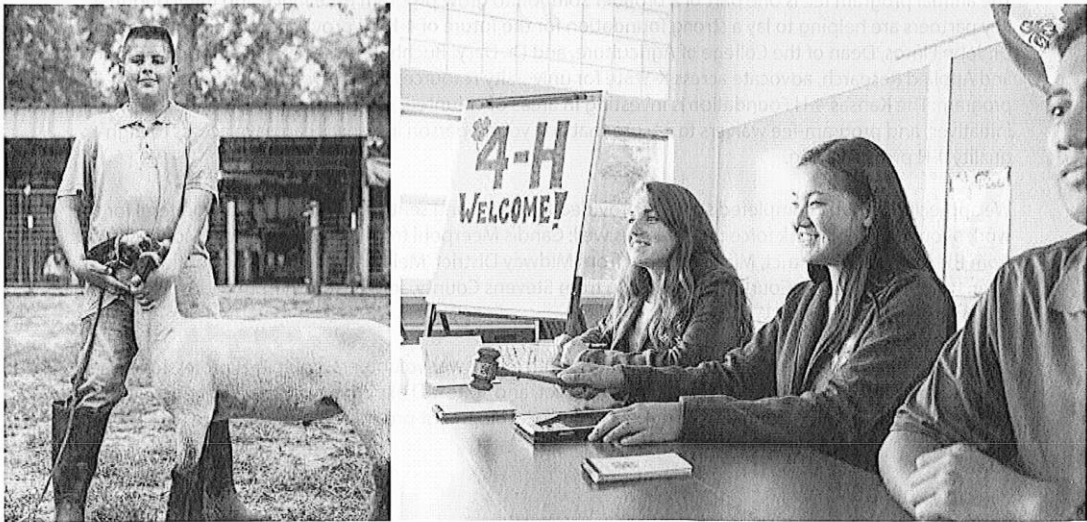
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Katie Rohling, with K-State Research and Extension District 4H Youth Development spoke about changes to the 4H program. She stated that effective May 1, 2017, each 4H participant will be charged \$15 and explained that even though the change is effective May 1, 2017 the participants will not be charged until the enrollment date of October 2, 2017. She stated that this change was implemented by the State of Kansas. Mr. Moody was answered that there are currently 250 children from Crawford County that participate in 4H and with Wilson County joining the Wildcat District, the entire district will collect approximately \$15,000 in fees. Ms. Rohling stated that the state office said they will not turn any child away for inability to pay and they are discussing different types of waivers for fees but no decisions have been made yet. Ms. Rohling handed out a flyer that was given to the children that explains the fee and the reason it was implemented. Mr. Wood stated that he is not in favor of this and he would like Mr. Emerson to draft a letter to submit to the state that conveys the opposition of the Board of Commissioners to these changes. Ms. Rohling gave the Commissioners an update on what was taking place with 4H right now. Mr. Murphy warned Ms. Rohling that there is a lot of construction taking place at the fair grounds and to caution her members.

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Investing in the future of Kansas 4-H:
A guide to the 4-H Program Fee



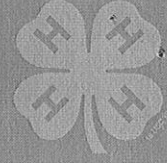
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Investing in the future of Kansas 4-H



Dear 4-H members and families,

For more than 100 years, Kansas 4-H has been committed to providing positive youth development educational experiences to young people across Kansas. We are committed to teaching life skills so all youth can reach their full potential. While we continue to celebrate – and appreciate – the dollars that are entrusted to Kansas 4-H, declining state funding for K-State Research and Extension and 4-H makes it difficult to create and sustain high quality and relevant 4-H youth development programs.

As an organization, we have sought input on how to stabilize funding and grow the 4-H program. We hosted discussions as well as conducted a survey to gain feedback on program impact within K-State Research and Extension. A task force of eight extension agents was formed to review all information and develop recommendations on how to move forward. They worked diligently to investigate a viable means to ensure a steady funding stream to sustain, enhance and grow the K-State Research and Extension 4-H program.

As a result of the work and subsequent recommendations from this task force, an annual K-State Research and Extension 4-H program fee of \$15 per member is being implemented beginning October 2, 2017. Our commitment is to provide the best 4-H program and operational support to local extension units. Funds generated will strengthen our program priorities of volunteer development, project support and program enhancement.

The annual program fee is one part of a broader solution to grow program excellence and fulfill priorities. Key partners are helping to lay a strong foundation for the future of 4-H by providing additional support. Dr. John Floros, Dean of the College of Agriculture, and Dr. Daryl Buchholz, Associate Director of Extension and Applied Research, advocate across K-State for university resources to be leveraged to benefit the 4-H program. The Kansas 4-H Foundation is investing in areas of volunteer development, marketing, growth initiatives, and program-fee waivers to ensure that any young person in Kansas can have access to high-quality 4-H programming.

We appreciate all who completed surveys, provided feedback and sent suggestions. We are grateful for the work of our dedicated task force members, as well: Candis Meerpohl from Shawnee County, Monica Thayer from the River Valley District, Michelle Beran from Midway District, Melinda Daily from the Sunflower District, Allen Baker from Wichita County, Nancy Honig from Stevens County, Jodi Besthorn from Sedgwick County and Brian Swisher from the Wildcat District.

I am committed to leading Kansas 4-H to engage youth, empower volunteers, equip 4-H professionals, and expand partnerships to add value to local, district, and state 4-H experiences. As we look to the future, together we will grow a strong and vibrant 4-H youth development program through K-State Research and Extension.

Sincerely,

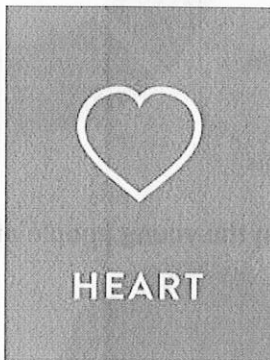
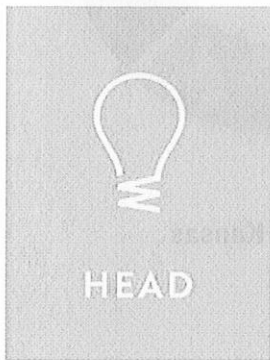
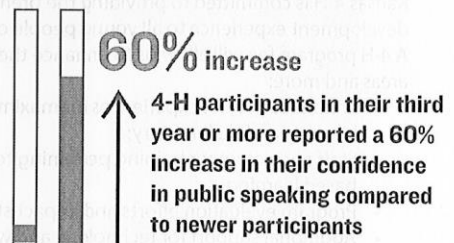
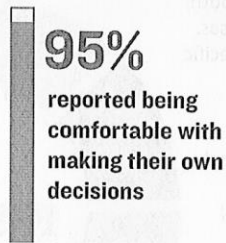
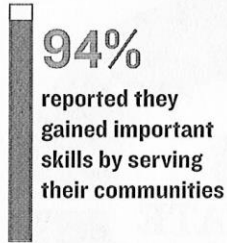
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Wade M. Weber
State 4-H Program Leader

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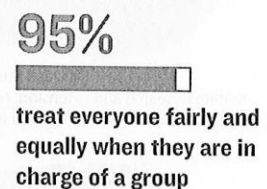
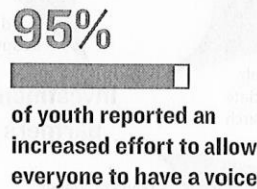


Is the Kansas 4-H Program worth your investment? YES!



4-H learning experiences enhance young people's abilities to grow into tomorrow's leaders and communicators. The positive learning environment combined with the encouragement of adult mentors allows 4-H programming to play a vital role in helping our youth achieve future success.

Recently, 2,600-plus Kansas youth ages 8 to 18 years old — from both rural areas and cities — participated in a study to determine 4-H's effectiveness in fostering positive connections, encouraging responsible decisions, and developing communication and citizenship skills.



Strong leadership skills allow youth to analyze their own strengths and weaknesses while maintaining the confidence, motivation and skills to achieve their goals. In 4-H, youth grow as leaders through identifying and carrying out projects that benefit themselves, their families and communities. Youth lead various committees, projects and events to share their knowledge.

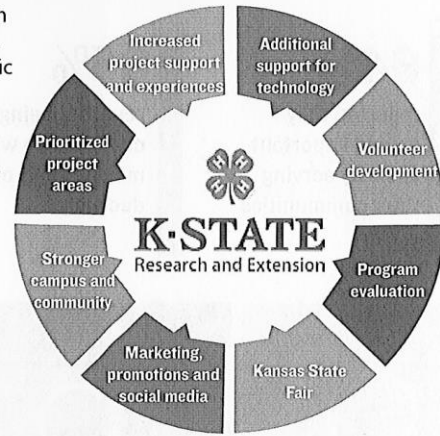
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A bright and vibrant future for Kansas 4-H

Kansas 4-H is committed to providing the premier youth development experience to all young people of Kansas. A 4-H program fee will allow us to enhance these specific areas and more:

- Enhanced project experiences for maximum learning and skill mastery;
- Staff and volunteer training pertaining to project-based learning;
- Program evaluation efforts and impact studies;
- Additional support for technology and web development to better serve our members, volunteers and staff;
- 4-H department at the Kansas State Fair;
- Consistent marketing and increased social media presence;
- Stronger partnerships on campus, in local communities and with larger corporations; and
- Maximize efficiency with prioritized project areas



A collaborative investment in the young people of Kansas

Investment partners

"K-State Research and Extension believes in the power of positive youth development, as delivered through the Kansas 4-H program, to develop young people with leadership skills to last a lifetime. A nominal investment in our young people means a brighter future for all Kansans!"

– Dr. Daryl Buchholz –
K-State Research and Extension, Associate Director of Extension and Applied Research

"Investing in 4-H is an opportunity to be proactive in charting the course for the next 100 years of 4-H in Kansas. I am proud to be part of Kansas 4-H's strong legacy to provide positive youth development in my community!"

– Jodi Besthorn
Sedgwick County 4-H agent

"Without a doubt, 4-H was **THE** experience that provided the groundwork for any accomplishments I've had in business, my community, and my life. I'm a proud Kansas 4-H alum!"

– Jake Worcester
Kansas 4-H Foundation, President/CEO

"Kansas 4-H will continue to build upon the knowledge of the past as we ready future generations of leaders: engaging youth, empowering volunteers, equipping 4-H professionals, and expanding partnerships. Together we will build excellence!"

– Wade M. Weber
State 4-H Program Leader

"It's been truly a gift to see my sons grow and develop into fine young men through the 4-H program. 4-H teaches life skills through hands-on learning experiences, allowing youth to experience both challenges and successes and prepare them for leadership roles throughout the rest of their lives."

– Holly Martin
4-H alumni and mom

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is a 4-H Program fee needed?

While we appreciate the dollars that are allotted to Kansas 4-H, declining state funding for K-State Research and Extension and 4-H makes it difficult to continue to offer high quality and relevant 4-H youth development programs.

Who has to pay a program fee?

4-H community club members, project club members and independent members will pay a \$15 program fee.

Do other state 4-H programs collect an annual program fee?

Yes, a survey of state 4-H programs in 2016 indicated that 25 of the 38 states that responded have some type of program fee in place.

How does the Kansas 4-H program fee of \$15 compare to other state 4-H program fees?

The range of collection fees from the states that have implemented an annual participated fee is \$3-\$50 annually. Some states also charge by the number of projects in which youth participate.

Will SPIN club members pay a program fee?

SPIN clubs are often entry-level 4-H programs and members will not pay a fee for participation in 2017. This is under review for 2018.

Will Cloverbuds be subject to a program fee?

No, Cloverbuds will not have to pay a program fee. They do not participate in the same program experiences that older 4-H members do, so they will not be charged a program fee.

How will the Program fee be collected?

Payment of program fees will be required during the 4-H enrollment process via 4HOnline, beginning October 1 of each year (starting October 2 in 2017).

What methods of payment are acceptable?

The program fee may be paid online with a debit or credit card, or families may print an invoice and mail a check to the State 4-H Office.

Can a club or sponsor pay the fees for a 4-H member?

Yes they can, however fees cannot be paid with appropriated funds, i.e. tax dollars, from county or state sources. The details of invoicing and payment process of such sponsored fees will be finalized in the near future.

When will the fee be collected?

Enrollment will open each year on October 1 (October 2 for 2017). The program fee will be collected at the time of enrollment.

Will there be any refunds to the fee?

No refunds will be given.

What criteria will be used to determine whether a program fee waiver is granted?

The waiver process is still under review and will be finalized before October 1, 2017. If you have an immediate questions, please contact the Kansas State 4-H office.

Will there be a discount or cap for families with multiple 4-H members?

No, there is no discounted rate or cap for families with multiple children.

What does the Kansas Extension Law say about program fees?

Kansas State University's 4-H Youth Development Department can collect a program fee at the state level. County extension councils and local governing bodies may not collect membership dues (or any fee resembling that).

Please contact the Kansas State 4-H office
with additional questions:
785-532-5800
kansas4h@ksu.edu

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Murphy stated that he would like to address the issue of setting up a schedule to mow the fair grounds. Mr. Bill Kavanagh, District #1 Road & Bridge Foreman stated that he would like a listing of any events taking place at the fairgrounds so they can work around the activities with mowing. The Commissioners discussed the

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ABATE bike rally taking place in the near future at the fairgrounds. The Commissioners also discussed having Mr. Kavanagh in charge of the mowing schedule and that he will contact the other road foremen to rotate the mowing responsibility. The Commissioners talked about locking the fairgrounds to keep out vandals but some residents use the grounds for walking exercise and to walk their pets. They viewed the list of events that was on the website crawfordcountyfair.org. Mr. Troy Graham, Zoning Administrator, discussed special event permits for activities taking place at the fairgrounds.

Item Two: Mr. Murphy discussed parking of a grader at a new site and the commissioners approved the purchase of some rock for the site.

Item Three: Mr. Murphy spoke about the Rural Opportunity Zone legislation. He said that he contacted Crawford County Lobbyist Mr. Bill Brady to check on the status of this issue since Senator LaTurner, who was working with the legislature on an amendment to a bill for Crawford County. Mr. Brady had told Mr. Murphy that since Mr. LaTurner has resigned his senatorial position, Mr. Brady didn't feel that Mr. LaTurner's replacement could be brought up to speed in time to successfully offer an amendment at this late date. Mr. Brady feels that it will not take place this year.

There was a short discussion on the process of the appointment of a replacement for the vacant senatorial position.

Item Four: Mr. Moody stated that with all the current rainfall to please use caution on the landfill road.

Item Five: Mr. Wood discussed the county logo through the CVB. Mr. Wood and Mr. Pyle discussed getting sizes for shirts with the logo for the Elected Officials and Department heads and Mr. Pyle stated that he is currently working on this.

Item Six: Mr. Wood spoke about a resident that was concerned with a billboard on his property on a state highway and the resident feels that it doesn't follow state guidelines.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that he is attending the KCCEOA conference next week and has contacted Kansas Crossing for a donated item to be sold at a silent auction during the conference. Mr. Pyle stated that the auction raises money for scholarships and thanked Kansas Crossing for the donated comedy act tickets, T-shirts and restaurant vouchers.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle reported on Student Government day that was held Wednesday and said that everything went very well.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson gave information on upcoming meetings: KAC Regional Supper in Paola will be held on May 18, 2017 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM and the fee is \$35.00 with a deadline to respond of May 10, 2017. Mr. Emerson, Mr. Wood and Mr. Pyle stated that they will be attending; the Pittsburg Chamber Banquet will be held at Memorial Auditorium on Thursday May 25, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and the cost

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is \$40.00 with a deadline to respond of May 20, 2017; the Highway 69 Association meeting will be held on June 6 at the Country Club and no cost is available yet.

Item Four: Mr. Wood discussed the fork lifts and tipping fees at the landfill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Murphy requested an executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that involve Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (17-153) of Commissioner Murphy 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 involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy requested an executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (17-154) of Commissioner Murphy 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 matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Road and Bridge Coordinator Liz Hart.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (17-155) of Commissioner Wood 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (17-156) of Commissioner Wood 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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:36 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Seven: Mr. Pyle presented a memo from the County Appraiser's office requesting to increase the limit to \$4,000 on the County Appraiser's Office County Visa Charge Card. Mr. Pyle stated that the Appraiser's office informed him that the additional credit limit is needed for mainly training purposes.

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Board of County Commissioners Crawford County Courthouse
PO Box 68
Girard, Kansas 66743

620-724-6115
620-724-6007 fax
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April 28, 2017

VISA
PO Box 4512
Carol Stream, IL 60197-4512

Ref: 4802-1865-9001-8031 Crawford County Kansas Appraiser's Office

Please accept this request to increase the limit on the above mentioned Credit Card to \$4,000.00. We would also like to have an additional card to use for the convenience of the office.

Thank You




Crawford County
Appraiser's Office
PO Box 217
Girard, Ks. 66743-0217

Thank You for your assistance in this matter.

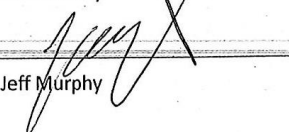
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Carl Wood



Tom Moody



Jeff Murphy

On motion (17-157) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to increase the limit on the County Appraiser's Office Visa Credit Card to \$4,000.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Eight: Mr. Pyle stated that the Pittsburg Chamber First Friday Luncheon will be held on May 5, 2017 from Noon to 1:00 PM at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts.

Chamber First Friday Luncheon
Sponsored by Pittsburg State University

Friday, May 5

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Bicknell Family Center for the Arts




Speaker: Secretary Antonio Soave

RSVP to the chamber at 231-1000 or respond to this e-mail.

The chamber is proud to announce Antonio Soave, Kansas Secretary for the Department of Commerce, will be the speaker for our First Friday Luncheon on May 5. The chamber's First Friday Event Series is sponsored by Pittsburg State University.

Secretary Soave is the former Chairman and CEO of Capistrano Global Advisory Services (CGA), a boutique international business transaction firm based in Overland Park. In a career spanning more than 25 years, he has helped numerous entrepreneurs and businesses to expand and grow around the globe. He also previously served as an intern in the White House Office of Public Liaison's Department of Foreign Policy and Defense under President Ronald Reagan. Since coming on as the Secretary of Commerce in 2016, Soave has been responsible for and directed an array of business projects.

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The luncheon will begin at noon and will be held at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts. Cost for the event, which includes a full lunch, is \$10 for chamber members or \$8 with a network pass.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 2, 2017 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Bob Clement from Gallagher Group to discuss Health Insurance.

Item Two: May 2, 2017 – Ms. Rebecca Brubaker, Executive Director, Safehouse Crisis Resource Center.

Item Three: May 5, 2017 – Mr. Darrell Pulliam, President and Mr. Steve Kosman, Membership Director, Southeast Kansas, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 29, 2017 -- 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM 2017 Crawford County and KDHE Zika Virus Mitigation Tire Program at the Crawford County Road & Bridge Department (Freeto Building), 669 S 69 Hwy, Pittsburg, KS and the County Barn at 511 E Antelope Girard, Kansas.

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UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the [April 28, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.
[Taken BKW 4/28/17 11:50 AM/amended BKW 5/1/17 10:30 AM](#)