

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, **FIFTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS **Friday, August 4, 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 (17-274) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Murphy that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 1, 2017** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, 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:

Motion 17	272	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 28, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	273	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Randy Sandberg, EMS Director and Dr. Tim Stebbins, EMS Administrator

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

Item One: Mr. Mike McLeod, Fire District #2 Fire Chief addressed the Commissioners in reference to the 2018 proposed budget for Fire District #2. Mr. McLeod explained the reasoning the Fire District is requesting a budget increase and a levy increase to 7.000 mils. He stated that prices for gear and equipment are constantly increasing. Mr. McLeod discussed putting a station in the Yale area to try to lower the ISO ratings in the area. He discussed the ages of the trucks the fire district currently has and the prices to purchase new trucks. He also spoke about equipment for the firemen and the cost of that equipment. Mr. Moody asked about adding the Yale station and Mr. McLeod stated that the fire department does not currently have a truck available to be housed in a new station. Mr. Pyle explained how many tax dollars the increase would generate. Mr. Wood asked about grants available. The Commissioners and Mr. McLeod discussed locations, types of buildings and costs in adding an additional station in the fire district and also discussed the cost of new trucks.

On motion (17-275) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve a 2.000 mil increase to 7.000 mils for the 2018 Proposed Budget for Crawford County Fire District #2.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle gave the Commissioners information from an organization called the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks.

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This is Josh Collins, Regional Director with Coalition Against Bigger Trucks – I hope you are doing well and having a great summer. I am reaching out to you because I wanted to see if you would be able to get this petition letter (attached) in the hands of the county commissioners and see if they can get it on their agenda for the next council meeting. Our goal is to collect thousands of signatures from local government officials across the country asking Congress to not increase truck size and weights, including local government officials in Kansas, where this would have a big impact on local infrastructure.

Our organization is a non-profit that is opposed to proposals to put even heavier and bigger 18-wheeler commercial trucks on our highways and local roads – inevitably this leads to additional infrastructure damage and more safety concerns for motorists on the highway.

I'd appreciate the opportunity to take a couple minutes and discuss the attached letter with you further in detail via phone. Would like to know if the city councilors would be willing to sign their names on the petition. Please let me know when might be a good time to give you a call (5 min max).

Best,

Josh Collins
Regional Director
Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT)
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(202) 271-9887

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(Date)

Bigger Trucks: Bad for America's Local Communities

Dear Members of Congress,

Representing local communities and Americans across the nation, we are concerned about our transportation infrastructure. We strongly oppose proposals in Congress that would allow any increase in truck length or weight—longer double-trailer trucks or heavier single-trailer trucks would only make our current situation worse.

Local communities and our residents are what drive this country. We work every day to make sure the needs and safety of our residents are met. Allowing heavier and longer trucks will most certainly set us back in our efforts. Much of our transportation infrastructure that connects people to jobs, schools and leisure is in disrepair, in part because local and rural roads and bridges are older and not built to the same standards as Interstates. Many of us are unable to keep up with our current maintenance schedules and replacement costs because of underfunded budgets.

The impacts of longer or heavier tractor-trailers would only worsen these problems. Millions of miles of truck traffic operate on local roads and bridges across the country, and any bigger trucks allowed on our Interstates would mean additional trucks that ultimately find their way onto our local infrastructure. Longer and heavier trucks would cause significantly more damage to our transportation infrastructure, costing us billions of dollars that local government budgets simply cannot afford, compromising the very routes that American motorists use every day.

On behalf of America's local communities and our residents, we ask that you oppose any legislation that would allow any increase in truck length or weight.

Sincerely,

Please print your title and name here to be added to the list for this letter – thank you.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle reported on the conference call with IMA Consulting and explained to the Commissioners what IMA has been working on.

Item Three: Mr. Pyle explained that Fire District #1 is requesting 6.5 mils for 2018, Fire District #2 is requesting 7 mils for 2018 and Fire District # 3 and Fire District #4 have

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requested to keep their mill levy at 5 mils for 2018. Mr. Murphy asked about the areas each Fire District covers.

On motion (17-276) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Fire District #1, Fire District #2, Fire District #3 and Fire District #4 2018 Budgets for publication with a hearing date set for August 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays: Commissioner Murphy

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Benson and Mr. Goble cancelled the work session for today and will reschedule at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Carl Wood requested an executive session to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship

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On motion (17-277) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters 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, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:08 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Carl Wood requested an executive session to discuss matters involving Non-Elected Personnel.

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On motion (17-278) 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 matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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 11:08 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: The Commissioners discussed the 2018 proposed County budget. They reviewed the budget and discussed the department requests and the increases requested. The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion on the budget before approval.

On motion (17-279) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2018 County Budget for publication with a hearing date set for August 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy 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: August 22, 2017 – 10:00 AM Public Hearings on the 2018 Fire District Budgets and the 2018 County Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [August 4, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 1:05 PM 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 GSRG 8/4/17 1:05 PM/amended BKW 8/7/17 2:45 PM](#)