

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **FIFTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, August 8, 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.

Chairman 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 (23-320) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 4, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

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	316	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 1, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	317	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Shop Foreman Josh Peak and to reconvene by 10:25 AM
Motion 23	318	To approve the FY23 RJA Year-End Outcome Report Signatory Approval Form and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 23	319	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 11:05 AM
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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

Item One: Mr. Tim Lewellen, Shorts Trash Service addressed the Commissioners. He stated that last week, Shorts Trash Service sold to CARDS, Central Arkansas Recycling and Disposal. He stated that nothing will change with the company except the owner and he will still be working for the company. Commissioner Wood informed Mr. Lewellen that the transfer trucks need to be tarped whether full or empty. Mr. Lewellen discussed trash coming into Crawford County from out of area and the county receiving fees for this trash. There was a discussion on recycling. The Commissioners discussed the GFL roll off container that should be at the Freeto building. Mr. Emerson stated that it was supposed to be there on there on August 1st and he has been in contact with the company and was told that the container should be there today and the same situation applies at the Road & Bridge District 1 Building in Girard. The Commissioners stated that if GFL does not have roll offs at the Freeto building or the District #1 barn by 5:00 PM today, CARDS will be contacted to put their containers at these buildings.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker requested a work session to continue work of the 2024 County Budget. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on Friday, August 11, 2023 immediately following the regular session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale that will be held on August 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse. He said that this is a two-year sale. He explained that next year, 4 years of sales will be done which will catch the sales up to present. He presented the Commissioners with a list of the properties and said there are 47 properties in this sale. Mr. Emerson said that he would like the Commissioners to set minimum bids today and said that he went through the properties with County Appraiser Zach Edwards and came up with recommended minimum bids. He explained that some of the bids are for the full tax amount and those properties have special assessments and if unsold will go to the cities' land banks. He spoke about current taxes and said that he will announce at the sale that the purchasers will receive a 2023 tax statement in November for any properties purchased and there could possibly be special assessments assessed on those properties for 2023 through the cities and advises the purchasers to check with the cities. Mr.

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Emerson discussed sales over the amount of taxes and costs owed and the county cannot keep that money and it must go to the previous landowner. He also stated that these properties can be redeemed up until noon the day of the sale. He went through the properties on the list with the Commissioners and reviewed the suggested minimum bids. Mr. Emerson stated that if anyone is interested and would like additional information on the property can contact the Appraiser's Office. He said that there is a map of all the properties in the sale on the county website but there is a disclaimer on the map that states that the aerial photos were taken in 2021. He stated that any interested parties should contact the county with questions on the property and to please do the research on the property before bidding. He stated that the minimum bids will be added to the website.

On motion (23-321) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the minimum bids as presented for the properties to be sold at the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale on August 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed a survey bill for \$2,750 and Mr. Emerson explained that this survey was for determining the boundaries of a county road right of way and explained the circumstances creating the need for the survey.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed cell phone bills and discussed cell phone plans. Mr. Emerson suggested speaking to Mr. Tim Mikrut to discuss the plan the Sheriff Department currently has.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair made a public thank you to KDOT for the improvements currently made to 47 Highway.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair would like Public Information Office Samantha Garrett to post information on the large item drop off at the SEK Recycling Center as there are a lot of large items being dumped on county roads.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the Fiscal Office is working on setting up a meeting with Ms. Cristy Mitchell from Blue Cross and Blue Shield and also with the Bukaty Company. He stated that the Fiscal Office is also working on obtaining the early final from Blue Cross and Blue Shield and stated that it is usually received by July. He explained that a quote is needed before a meeting is set up with Ms. Mitchell. Mr. Emerson discussed stop loss claims and getting a 3rd party to bid on the health insurance.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson addressed the issue with time sheets and time accountability and gave the Commissioners a sample time sheet for their review.

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Item Three: Mr. Emerson addressed an issue with a road and Commissioner Wood stated that he spoke with GIS Director Kyle Nelson and it is a private road and not a county road.

Item Four: The Commissioners discussed culvert inventory.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair discussed private roads being brought up to county specs and becoming a county road. Mr. Emerson explained how this can take place.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood stated that he spoke to his foreman and his district has enough chain saws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 11, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to address ARPA update.

Item Two: August 11, 2023 – Work Session on the 2024 County Budget immediately following the Regular Session.

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 [August 8, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:00 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

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 8/08/2023 11:00 AM/amended BKW 8/9/23 12:15 PM