

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, [NINETY-SECOND](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM

Girard, KS [Tuesday, December 12, 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.

Commissioner Jeff Murphy was in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle was seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (17-408) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [December 8, 2017](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 17	401	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 5, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	402	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Matt Sanders, WCA General Manager

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Motion 17	403	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: Larry Zerngast “Chicken Mary’s” PREMISES: 1133 E 600th Ave, Pittsburg, KS 66762(For consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: Kim Brewer “Countryside Golf Course” PREMISES: 469 E 520th Ave, Pittsburg, KS 66762(For consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: W Esposito Enterprises LLC “Weeges 1 Stop” PREMISES: 401 N 69 Hwy, Arma, KS 66712(For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)
Motion 17	404	To adopt Resolution #2017-031, a Resolution Appointing the County Appraiser for Crawford County, Kansas, Mr. Zach Edwards with a term running from December 5, 2017 to June 30, 2021
Motion 17	405	To approve the contract with First Call of Kansas, Inc for transportation of bodies for medical examinations authorized by the County Coroner and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	406	To approve Option U from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for health insurance coverage for 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 17	407	To approve the November 2017 Clerk’s Report as presented

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Roger Carswell, Director of the Southeast Kansas Library System addressed the Commissioners and handed out information on the library system. He stated that this regional system is one of 7 in the State of Kansas and that the law governing the system board was changed this year. He explained that the new law states that the County Commissioners are required to appoint their County board member. Mr. Carswell stated that there are 118 board members in the system and explained how the board members are appointed. He also explained what areas are covered in the SEK Library System. Mr. Carswell explained that the only business the executive board cannot take care of is the adoption of the annual budget and attending the annual budget meeting in Iola is the only legal duty of all 118 board members and this includes the board member the Commissioners will appoint. He said that Ms. Violet Pazzie is the current member from Crawford County but does not wish to be reappointed. Mr. Carswell explained in which areas of the county the board member can reside and suggested that the Commissioners contact the local libraries to see if they know of an interested party. He stated that after the appointment is made, contact the SEK Library System and inform them of the name and address of the member appointed. Mr. Carswell explained the Southeast Kansas Library System to the Commissioners.

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County Appointee to System Boards of Regional Library Systems

Regional Library Systems

There are seven regional library systems (“regional systems of cooperating libraries”) in Kansas. Systems exist to help local libraries provide adequate library services to all citizens of the state. Each regional library system is governed by a system board.

Board composition

The boards of regional library systems consist of one representative of each member library and one county appointee from each county levying the system tax.

Executive Board

Most duties of the system board are delegated to executive boards as authorized by K.S.A. 75-2550a, due to the large size of system boards (over 100 members in some regions). Adoption of the annual budget is the only duty which by statute may not be delegated to executive boards.

Duties

The one legal duty of the county appointee is to participate in meetings of the full system board. Regional library systems have one or two system board meetings annually.

County appointees are also encouraged to

- Attend library meetings within the county
- Attend system workshops
- Communicate the needs for library service and concerns of residents to the system director and executive board
- Advocate for improvement of library services

Finally, if a county appointee wishes to be more actively involved, they are eligible for election to the executive board subject to system bylaws.

Qualifications

The county appointee must be a resident of the regional library system taxing district; that is, within a county in which the regional library system levies taxes but outside the district of any local legally established public library. County clerks can determine whether potential appointees live within the system taxing district.

Appointment and term of County Appointees

Appointment is made by county commissions. Terms are for four years.

Individual counties may have established procedures for applying for appointment. In general, a letter of interest and a resume should be submitted. Those interested may also make the director of their local library aware of their interest, as nominations may be solicited from libraries within the county. County clerks should notify regional library systems when appointments to the system board are made.

Communications

County Appointees will have email communication from the system director, and have access to all blog posts, newsletters and social media communications of each system to help them become and stay well informed about the system. Some systems will have email listservs for general communication and/or specific listservs for county appointees.

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Current appointee: Violet Pazzie

Appointment status: Does not wish to be reappointed

Qualifications

The appointee to the board of the Southeast Kansas Library System must live in Crawford County but not in Arma, Girard, Hepler, Pittsburg, Walnut, or Osage Township (including the city of McCune).

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

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NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle informed the Commissioners that he will not be attendance at the Commission meetings next week.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle stated that all the paper work for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Insurance has been completed and stated that the representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield stated that the company hopes to have the new ID cards out before the first of the year.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Wood discussed purchasing a new pickup for his district and also discussed the new pickups for the road foreman.

Item Two: Mr. Murphy discussed putting a sign with the new county logo on the new Road & Bridge buildings. Mr. Murphy will talk to Mike Peak about making the signs.

Item Three: Mr. Pyle stated that Pitt Craft Printing will be here on Thursday, December 14, 2017 to talk to Elected Officials and Department Heads about their on-line store. He stated that they will also be here after the first of the year for a follow up meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (17-409) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood 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 Zoning Administrator Troy Graham.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:53 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 15, 2017 – Work Session for Employee Evaluations beginning at 8:30 AM.

Item Two: December 15, 2017 – Mr. Rick Pfeiffer discussing his book *Trail of the Warrior*.

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Item Three: December 15, 2017 – Mr. Devin Gorman, CVB Executive Director presenting CVB Update.

Item Four: December 15, 2017 – Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President presenting Chamber contract.

Item Five: December 15, 2017 – 10:30 AM Conference Call with representatives from IMA and Tria Health regarding Chronic Care Management.

Item Six: December 19, 2017 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on the amended 2017 Budgets for Crawford County, Crawford County Fire District #1, Crawford County Fire District #2 and Crawford County Fire District #3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [December 12, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:01 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 12/12/17 11:01 AM/amended BKW 12/14/17 12:30 PM](#)