

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2016, **EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Tuesday, February 2, 2016**, immediately following canvass.

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

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (16-044) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 29, 2016** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

(MOTIONS 16-042 and 16-043 were used by the Board of County Canvassers)

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 16	38	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 26, 2015 minutes
Motion 16	39	To approve the application for the Kansas Health Foundation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$40,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 16	40	To approve a Wage Increase of \$.50 per hour for Hourly Employees or \$1,040 per year for Salaried Employees starting with the Pay Period beginning January 21, 2016, except for employees of the Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. that have already received this raise

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Motion 16	41	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

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

Item One: Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director, presenting the 2015 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report & the Crawford County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2016. Mr. Fields reviewed the financial information for the Noxious Weed Dept. and discussed that some of the prices for chemicals include a handling fee, which is allowed by state law. Mr. Fields discussed that the number of acres being treated for private landowners has increased dramatically over the past few years and especially in 2015. Commissioner Murphy was answered that Mr. Fields has reached out to the Farm Bureau organization and Mr. Murphy also thanked Mr. Fields for the work he has done on some of the corners and right of ways in the county. Commissioner Moody wanted to discuss the use of controlled burning that a resident has wanted to use to control some noxious weeds. Mr. Fields stated that this is not an approved method for controlling these weeds and that he cannot help with these controlled burns but that he can give advice on this. Mr. Fields also discussed the new applicator and tank that he has built onto a trailer that can be pulled behind an ATV, a truck or a tractor so that it can be used in many situations. Mr. Fields thanked the Commissioners for the continued support of his programs.

On motion (16-045) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2016 as presented by Crawford County Noxious Weed Director Ed Fields.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (16-046) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Murphy to approve the 2015 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report as presented by Crawford County Noxious Weed Director Ed Fields.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Rick Pfeiffer, Director of Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County, regarding the deed restrictions on the proposed sale of land for development as

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residential units for elderly and disabled individuals. Mr. Pfeiffer read the language that was agreed to by the developer was also approved by the Commissioners and the County Counselor. It was discussed that this sale was approved a few months ago with the stipulation that this language be included as part of the agreement for the sale. Mr. Pfeiffer also gave the Commissioners a list of the members of the board for the Community Health Center of Crawford County. Mr. Pfeiffer also discussed that Mr. Bill Towery will take over the duties that Pat Misasi manages for the Health Dept., since his retirement, and that he will submit a list of the duties and the time that he spends on those duties. Commissioner Wood mentioned that the county needs to look at how those duties will be managed when Mr. Towery is ready to retire. It was discussed that the person that assumes those duties will probably need to be certified for that position.

Mr. Pfeiffer also wanted to discuss the plans for the ATC facility in Girard. Mr. Pfeiffer stated that he has a meeting scheduled with representatives of the Girard Medical Center to discuss his proposal to gift this facility to them. Mr. Pfeiffer also stated that he wants to schedule some town meetings in April or May to discuss all possible future uses for that facility and to get a good community discussion of how this plan could impact the community. It was discussed that this discussion needs to include information on what is best for the future clients of the Addiction Treatment Center.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he would go over the Clerk's Report for January of 2016 with the Commissioners at the meeting on Friday.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood regarding a meeting at Via Christi about drug testing and occupational health services. Mr. Wood stated that he has a meeting set up with Via Christi for 8:00 AM on Thursday, February 04, 2016. Mr. Wood stated that he and County Counselor Jim Emerson would discuss this with Via Christi officials and bring that information back to the other Commissioners.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood regarding the situation with the boiler in the courthouse. Mr. Robert Gorentz stated AES would be the best company to purchase the boiler from since they are offering the boilers at a price that is just above their cost. Mr. Moody stated that he knows that they need to proceed with the replacement of the damaged boiler, but that they also need to continue with work to determine if the installer should pay for all or part of the cost of a new system. It was discussed that Design Mechanical, Inc., has already done part of the planning and engineering for this replacement. Commissioner Murphy felt that PEC Engineers has mechanical engineers on staff that could help to develop specifications for the new system so that it can be bid out. The Commissioners felt that this was a good idea.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood regarding the purchase of flashlights for emergency workers to have with them. Mr. Wood had two flashlight styles that are available on the

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state contracts that he felt would work well for their Road & Bridge personnel. Mr. Wood stated that he would like the other Commissioners to look at both styles.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding Parks and Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol funds. Mr. Pyle stated that the Special Alcohol funds have been awarded to the Crisis Resource Center and the Crawford County Mental Health to help provide funds for their services due to alcohol related issues. The Commissioners felt that the Special Alcohol Funds could be awarded as they have for several years.

Mr. Pyle stated that the Elderly Funds have a couple of new requests for 2016 and a couple of organizations that have not asked for funds in 2016. There was a discussion of how this funding works together and the Commissioners wanted to discuss these requests with the groups that made the requests. Linda Roberts and Jerry Lomshek with the Miners Hall Museum explained that their request for Elderly Funds helps to provide some lunches and programs that are specifically designed for the elderly citizens of that community. The Commissioners wanted to discuss this again with representatives of a couple of different groups that have asked for these funds.

Mr. Pyle stated that the Parks & Recreation Funds have most of the same requests that they have had for many years, except that there were 2 new requests for the Sherman Township Park and the Walnut Public Library. The Commissioners felt that they could add the 2 new requests and reduce the award amount to \$250 each and then there would be some excess funds that might be needed later in the year.

Mr. Pyle stated that the Historical Fund Requests included a new request from Sherman Township for \$1,000 in funds to be used to purchase new windows for the Township Hall. There was a discussion of the proposal that the funding for the Crawford County Historical Society, the Miner's Hall Museum and the Friends of Historic Girard be divided equally between those 3 groups. Commissioner Murphy stated that he had discussed this with Amanda Minton with the Crawford County Historical Society and she expressed concern that their funding might be reduced. It was decided to invite representatives from all 3 museums to the commission meeting on February 12, 2016.

On motion (16-047) of Commissioner Murphy and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2016 Special Alcohol Funds Distribution with \$23,500 awarded to Crawford County Mental Health and \$6,500 awarded to Crisis Resource Center.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (16-048) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2016 Special Parks and Recreation Funds Distribution as discussed.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Murphy and Wood

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Murphy mentioned the newsletter for the Road & Bridge Dept. that he has put together. The other Commissioners thought that the newsletter looked good and it was going to be posted on the county website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood asked for an executive session to discuss personnel issues that involve non-elected personnel.

On motion (16-049) 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 personnel matters 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 11:16 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:31 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked for an executive session to discuss personnel issues that involve non-elected personnel.

On motion (16-050) 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 personnel matters involving Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, Robert Gorentz, Project Manager 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 11:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:47 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 5, 2016 – Brian Coomes, PEC Engineers, regarding the High Risk Rural Roads Grant Application.

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Item Two: February 9, 2016 – Mr. Ron Albertini, County Surveyor with progress report.

Item Three: February 9, 2016 – Tim Mikrut & Debra Anthony representing the Wellness Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 9, 2016 – 1:00 PM Back to Work meeting with Jim Harms, EMC Insurance, in the Courthouse.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [February 2, 2016](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:49 [AM](#) and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Murphy

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 by DPP 02/02/2016 at 11:49 AM, Amended by DPP 02/04/2016 at 1:40 PM/amended BKW 02/04/2016 2:03 PM