

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2017, [NINTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS [Friday, February 3, 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 Tom Moody was 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 (17-045) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [January 31, 2017](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 17	42	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 27, 2017 minutes
Motion 17	43	To approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2016
Motion 17	44	To approve the 2017 Crawford County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Julie Smith, Girard Chamber of Commerce Director addressed the Commission in reference to the sign that was removed from the Emergency Management Building lawn. Mr. Wood informed Ms. Smith that the sign was not scrapped and that it was taken to Crawford County Historical Society Museum. Mr. VanBecelaere explained why it was necessary to have the sign removed. Ms. Smith stated that there are some concerned citizens in the City of Girard that feel the sign should have remained in the City and given to the Friends of Historic Girard for the museum in Girard. Mr. Moody asked if the museum in Girard was opened and Ms. Smith stated that it was not. There was a discussion on whether the sign was on City or County property and the Commissioners requested that Mr. Emerson contact the County Surveyor Ron Albertini and have him survey the property at the Emergency Management Building. There was a discussion on how to solve the issue. Ms. Smith stated that she feels the issue can be settled with communication. The Commissioners stated that they would like to speak to the Mr. Chris Weiner, Girard City Administrator. Mr. Wood contacted Mr. Weiner and asked to come to the meeting. It was decided to continue on with new business and will readdress this issue when Mr. Weiner appears.

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he was contacted by State Representative Adam Lusker. He said that Mr. Lusker stated that there will be a hearing in Topeka on Tuesday on a bill to make it possible to open Camptown and that he would like the Commissioners to send a letter in support of the bill from Crawford County. It was decided that Mr. Emerson will work with Mr. Pyle in drafting a letter of support. Mr. Emerson will contact our lobbyist Bill Brady and have him attend the hearing. Mr. Pyle will contact Mr. Lusker and see if he will be in Pittsburg this afternoon and if so, he will hand deliver the letter to Mr. Lusker.

Item Two: County Clerk Don Pyle presenting the January 2017 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of January. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the December 2016 to January 2017 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes. Mr. Pyle also stated that the months of January and February are hard to analyze since many annual expenses are paid in January.

On motion (17-046) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the January 2017 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed.

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Item Three: Mr. Wood stated that the Regional Solid Waste Authority has not been active for some time and Mr. Emerson stated that it has been dissolved unofficially. Mr. Emerson stated that he could hold one more meeting and at that meeting vote to dissolve. There was a discussion in planning a meeting of the Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Item Four: Mr. Wood discussed a roller that he viewed. The Commissioners discussed the roller and agreed to purchase it.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES continued.

Item One continued: Mr. Chris Weiner, Girard City Administrator, regarding the issue of the sign removed from the Emergency Management building. Mr. VanBecelaere explained what took place to Mr. Weiner. Mr. Weiner stated there is interest in keeping the sign in Girard but he has not yet had an opportunity to speak with the officers of the Friends of Historic Girard. Mr. Moody stated that he would like any questions on the issue to come directly to the Commissioners. Mr. Wood stated that a lot of work needs to be done to the sign to bring it back to its original state. He said that there are several layers of paint that need to be removed. Mr. Wood stated that it would be beneficial for all the Museums in the County to work together. The Commissioners informed Mr. Weiner that the County Surveyor will survey the property. The Commissioners and Mr. Weiner agreed that if everyone works together there will be a solution to the problem without any problems.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that he spoke with Ms. Pam Mendicki at Ryan Insurance Agency about the insurance on some of the County buildings. He also stated that Ryan Insurance was checking on raising the work comp limits for the County. Mr. Pyle will have the information ready on Tuesday. Mr. Pyle and the Commissioners discussed insurance coverage for other county entities and being reimbursed for the premiums.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for a period of not more than 1 hour to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (17-047) 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 1 hour 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 and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:01 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 7, 2017 – Representatives from Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Gallagher Group discussing health insurance claims.

Item Two: February 10, 2017 – 10:00 AM Opening of Culvert Bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 3, 2017](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:33 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Murphy

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 2/3/2017 11:33 AM/amended BKW 2/6/17 10:30 AM](#)