

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, **THIRD** MEETING
Reorganization

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (22-013) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 7, 2022** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 22	7	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 4, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	8	To approve the 2022-2023 Insurance Proposal from Ryan Insurance
Motion 22	9	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss legal issues of the Truancy Diversion Grant and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling, Ms. Angie Hadley and Ms. Heidi Moody and to reconvene by 11:10 AM

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Motion 22	10	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 22	11	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:36 AM
Motion 22	12	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:47 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

REORGANIZATION

The time having arrived, pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 19, to reorganize the Board of Crawford County Commissioners, the Board took the following action to fulfill their statutory obligations:

Item One: Election of the Chairman.

On motion (22-014) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Johnson pass the gavel to Commissioner Moody.

Commissioner Moody assumed the duties of the presiding officer.

Item Two: Election of the Vice Chairman

On motion (22-015) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the nomination of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

**PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: The time having arrived to name the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County, the following were recommended as the current working banks of the county: Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBank, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank.

On motion (22-016) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to name Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBank, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank as the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: The time having arrived to name the official newspaper publication of Crawford County and the following was recommended as the current official newspaper of the county: the *Pittsburg Morning Sun*.

On motion (22-017) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to name the *Pittsburg Morning Sun* as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ron & Linda White and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2020 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained that the 1995 Chevy Truck was sold in 2020 and taxpayer failed to report.

On motion (22-018) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M

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Truck owned by Ron & Linda White and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2020 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Ms. Lusker presented an email from Ms. Cindy Lane, Executive Director, Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging requesting that the Commissioners consider appointing Robert Murnan, 1313 Mallory Ct, Pittsburg KS to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Governing Board as the Crawford County Member. Ms. Lusker stated that Mary Ann Holloway, Girard has resigned as the Crawford County Board Member. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Holloway for serving on the Board and thanked Mr. Murnan for agreeing to serve on the board.

On motion (22-019) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Murnan, 1313 Mallory Ct, Pittsburg to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Governing Board as the Crawford County Member.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the contract between Capitol Strategies LLC and Crawford County for 2022 for lobbying services. He explained what services are set out in the contract and that Mr. Bill Brady has been the representative for Crawford County. Mr. Emerson stated that the cost of the services with Capitol Strategies have been \$10,000 since the first time Crawford County hired the company and this year, they are asking for an increase in price to \$15,000 for the 2022 year. The Commissioners stated they have no issues with the increase in price.

On motion (22-020) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the contract between Crawford County & Capitol Strategies LLC to provide monitoring and reporting representation to Crawford County through the 2022 Legislative Session at a cost of \$15,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated that the USD 250 School Bond Special Election will be held on January 18, 2022 and the polls will be open from 7:00 to 7:00 PM. Mr. Emerson

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stated that although the Courthouse is closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 for Martin Luther King Day the County Clerk's Office will be open until noon for early voting. He also stated that the drop boxes are available at the Courthouse and the Judicial Center in Pittsburg.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (22-021) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss acquisition of property and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:33 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:13 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:26 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (22-022) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss county policy and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:37 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:27 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Commissioner Moody stated that traditionally the Commissioners cancel the Tuesday meeting after a Monday holiday but due to circumstances the Commissioners are not sure if they will be able to meet this Friday. Commissioner Moody stated that if they are unable to meet on Friday, January 14, 2022 they will meet on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Chairman Moody stated that he will notify Ms. Lusker later this week on their decision.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 14, 2022 – Opening of Rock Bids.

Item Two: January 21, 2022 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to address ARPA Funding.

Item Three: January 25, 2022 – 9:00 AM Work Session with the Shop Foremen and the 3 Road Foremen to discuss equipment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 17, 2022 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Item Two: January 26, 2022 – 2022 Local Government Day in Topeka. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [January 11, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:37 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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 by BKW 1/11/2022 10:37 AM/amended BKW 11/13/2022 8:30 AM