

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, **FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, January 12, 2024 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker 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 (24-024) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 9, 2024** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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 24	12	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 5, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	13	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Carl Wood to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 24	14	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately

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Motion 24	15	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
Motion 24	16	To name The Morning Sun as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 24	17	To approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ronald & Dora Ware and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Ronald L Morey and to request a refund in the amount of \$12.60 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$12.00 from the 2022 tax rolls, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Merhle Reynolds and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls and correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Merhle Reynolds and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and the amount of \$24.00 from the 2022 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 24	18	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Appraiser's Office and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:28 AM
Motion 24	19	To approve the contract with Cook, Flatt, and Strobel Engineering, P.A. for the 2024 bridge inspections in the amount of \$22,278.00
Motion 24	20	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 lobbyist contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 AM
Motion 24	21	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:51 AM
Motion 24	22	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 matters and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:04 AM
Motion 24	23	To approve the lobbyist contract between Crawford County and Capitol Strategies, LLC for the 2024 Legislative Session in the total amount of \$15,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

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MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the Commissioners with an update on the Narcan Rescue boxes for the schools. He stated that all the boxes have been received and the department is starting training for the schools and distributing the rescue kits. He explained that the Narcan program is funded by Kansas Fights Addiction.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a letter from Ms. Angie Hadley, Director of the Restorative Justice Authority requesting approval of the reappointment of Ms. Stacy Kratz as a General Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with the term ending 1/6/2027. Commissioner Moody stated the County is fortunate to have Ms. Kratz serve on the board.

On motion (24-025) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the reappointment of Ms. Stacy Kratz as a General Representative on the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with the term ending 1/6/2027 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson announced that Local Government Day 2024 will be held January 24, 2024 in Topeka from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. He explained the itinerary for the day. He requested that the Commissioners notify him if they would like to attend.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$5,701.00. He stated that this is the second drawdown and is for the months of October, November and December 2023.

On motion (24-026) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$5,701.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Four: Mr. Emerson discussed the work session held this morning with Ryan Insurance in reference to the property, casualty and work comp insurance. He discussed the Crawford County Community Mental Health going to their own insurance policies. He explained that the total renewal amount is \$604,740.00. He explained the issue on the coverage on the Mental Health buildings.

On motion (24-027) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the 2024 Insurance Proposal from Ryan Insurance.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented 4 FFY 2026 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Project Funding Applications. He explained each project route on the 4 applications.

On motion (24-028) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the FFY 2026 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Project Funding Applications and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Mr. Emerson stated that he will not be in attendance at the Regularly Scheduled Commission meeting on January 16, 2024. He stated that Monday, January 15, 2024 the Courthouse is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday and suggested cancelling the meeting on Tuesday.

On motion (24-029) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve cancelling the Regularly Scheduled Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Seven: Commissioner Blair discussed the corner of 200th St and Airport Road and the City of Pittsburg cleaning it up and he appreciates the partnership with the City of Pittsburg.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood requested a meeting with the SEK Recycling Center and asked Mr. Emerson to work on this issue.

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Item Nine: Commissioner Wood spoke about Triad and videoing the haul roads for the new power lines. He stated that he would like his road foreman to ride along. Mr. Emerson will check into this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented an Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas for Project No. 019 C-5295-01 STP-C529(501) Off System Bridge Program. He stated that this bridge is near Walnut. He said that the State is contributing participating costs not to exceed \$900,000 and the County is responsible for the non-participating costs of \$86,000. Mr. Emerson explained that this year the agreement states that if the bid for the bridge exceeds \$900,000, anything over that amount will be the responsibility of the County and this is different than the agreements in prior years. There was a discussion on bidding the project and upfront costs.

On motion (24-030) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas for Project No. 019 C-5295-01 STP-C529(501) Off System Bridge Program.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated that the plans to demolish the County Land Bank property in Franklin is scheduled for January 22, 2024 and discussed capping the sewer line. Mr. Emerson said that he will have this checked into further and the Commissioners can make a decision before the 22nd.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody discussed the nuisance property on this west side of the bypass around Franklin. Mr. Emerson stated that he is not aware of a date being set to have the County assist in cleaning up the property. Commissioner Blair stated that the landowner has been working on clean up. Commissioner Moody said that he appreciates the landowner's efforts but assistance is needed in clearing up the property. Mr. Emerson stated that he will speak with Zoning Administrator May Smith on this issue.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed purchasing a road tractor that will be listed soon on Purple Wave.

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 (24-031) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss an HRRR Contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 AM.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:39 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-032) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss county contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:55 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:44 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-033) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss Elected officials and County Employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS continued:

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented an Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas for Project No. 019 C-5244-01 HSIP-

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C524(401) High Risk Rural Roads Project. He explained the project is on S 200th St from W 4th St to E 570th Ave. He also explained the costs the county is responsible for.

On motion (24-034) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas for Project No. 019 C-5244-01 HSIP-C524(401) High Risk Rural Roads Project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 23, 2024 – Opening of Rock Bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 15, 2024 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Item Two: January 16, 2024 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [January 12, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:05 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

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 1/17/24 11:00 AM/amended BKW 1/17/24 12:30 PM