

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, January 27, 2023 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

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

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-044) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 24, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

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 23	41	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 20, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	42	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Kenneth & Carol Biancarelli and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	43	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss County buildings and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:47 AM

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Opening of Rock Bids. County Clerk Lisa Lusker opened the bid from Mulberry Limestone and County Counselor Jim Emerson read the bid aloud. He stated that the bid included the Kansas Department of Agriculture Weights & Measures Division scale certifications. Ms. Lusker opened the bid from Midwest Minerals and Mr. Emerson read the bid aloud and stated that they also included their scale certifications. The Commissioners decided to pass the bids on to Triad Engineering for recommendations.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Brannon Green, AssuredPartners addressed the Commissioners in referencing to property, casualty and work comp insurance. He gave some information on his company and stated he is here today to introduce himself and his company and to answer any insurance the Commissioners have. Mr. Green explained that AssuredPartners will be a consultant and help the County manage and make good, educated decisions on the insurance buying process. He stated he wants to give the County the best options. He explained that he would like to do an analysis of the County's current policies and show their capabilities and to see if they can offer something better than what the county is now getting. There was a discussion on changing brokers. The Commissioners stated that they will discuss this and will contact Mr. Green if they have any additional questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker presented a letter including an invoice for the 2023 Southeast Kanas Regional Planning Commissioner dues in the amount of \$8,245.80. She stated that in the letter it states that grant writing services are offered to member counties at no charge. Mr. Emerson explained that with the county being members, every city in the county has access to SEKRPC services and they have been helpful in obtaining grants for some of the cities. Commissioner Wood stated that he was on the board when he was a commissioner 4 years ago and stated that he was not impressed. Ms. Lusker explained that the dues are \$2,400 plus \$.15 per capita and the dues only change with population. The Commissioners asked that Ms. Lusker contact the cities and see if they have utilized the services of SEKRPC and also contact SEKRPC to see if a representative can attend a Commission meeting.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker presented the Commissioners with the funding requests for Parks & Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol funds for their review. The Commissioners will schedule a work session to go over the requests.

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Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that he would like to schedule a work session with IT Director Brandon Spaur and a representative from PayClock to discuss the time clock program at 9:30 AM on January 31, 2023. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented an ARPA draw down request for January 2023. He explained the requests included in the draw down. There was a discussion on the large child care ARPA funding. Commissioner Wood would like to review the requests before approving. The Commissioner will readdress this issue on Tuesday.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair presented a letter from the Board of County Commissioners to Mr. Ron Scripsick, Chairman of Point Forward in reference to ARPA funding. He explained that this letter was requested by Harmony/Point Forward to show the amount of funds allocated to them through ARPA funding.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood said that the barricades have been received and Emergency Management department will mark them as Crawford County's property and they will be stored at the Freeto Building out of the weather.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioner's with a Request for Proposal for a County Surveyor. He explained the request. He stated he would like to get this out as soon as possible. The Commissioners authorized Mr. Emerson to send out the Request for Proposal.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood stated that he met with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers earlier this week and reported on the intersections and bridge they inspected.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson discussed the Occupational Health Services through Freeman Health Services and explained the services available.

On motion (23-045) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Freeman Health services Letter of Agreement to provide Occupational Health Services to Crawford County 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 Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the County decals on the County vehicles.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-046) of Commissioner Blair 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 board appointments 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.

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 (23-047) of Commissioner Blair 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss insurance divisions and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:16 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 11:01 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:16 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 (23-048) of Commissioner Blair 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss work for Mental Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:32 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-049) of Commissioner Blair 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss jurisdiction and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:49 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 11:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:44 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (23-050) of Commissioner Blair 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss nuisance legislation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:14 PM.

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 11:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:07 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

On motion (23-051) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the appointment of Commissioner Carl Wood to the CTEC Board of Directors and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 31, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with RJA & Mental Health to discuss office space.

Item Two: January 31, 2023 – 9:30 AM Work Session with IT Director Brandon Spaur and a representative from PayClock to discuss time clock system.

Item Three: February 3, 2023 – 8:00 AM Work Session to discuss property, casualty and work comp insurance.

Item Four: February 3, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill.

Item Five: February 3, 2023 – Mr. Andrew Shulte and other representatives from NextEra Energy discussing the Wolf Creek to Blackberry 345kV Transmission Line Project.

Item Six: February 7, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Ryan Insurance to discuss property, casualty and work comp insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [January 27, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:12 PM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

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 01/27/2023 12:12 PM/amended BKW 1/30/2023 2:15 PM](#)