

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, [FIFTY-FIRST MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, July 11, 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.

Chairman 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 (23-287) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [July 7, 2023](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	285	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 30, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	286	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail," cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: 8:00 AM on July 30, 2023 and ending at 6:00 PM on August 6, 2023 (For consumption on the premises) EVENT: Crawford County Fair

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

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the June 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of June. Ms. Lusker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the May 2023 to June 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners reviewed the reports. Commissioner Wood had questions on the Consolidated 911 Fund and the Commissioners agreed to table the Clerk's Report until Friday.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker requested a work session with the Commissioners to review the 2024 Budgets. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 8:00 AM to review the 2024 Budgets.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he received a request from Ryan Insurance for a work session for the mid-year review. The Commissioners scheduled a work session for July 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Emerson will check with Ryan Insurance to see that date will work for them.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,117.00. He explained that this is for the months of January, February, and March 2023 which is the 3rd quarter of the grant period.

On motion (23-288) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,117.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,318.00. He stated that this is for the months of April, May, and June 2023. He explained that this is for the 4th quarter and will close out the grant year.

On motion (23-289) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solution Grant (ESG

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FFY2022) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,318.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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 (23-290) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss policies and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:32 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 10:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Commissioner Moody stated that he has had a request from the City of Frontenac for the County to build up and chip and seal part of Sugar Creek Road where the new housing division is located. He explained that the city will pay for all of the materials. Commissioner Blair asked about a time line and Commissioner Moody answered that there is no time line, just whenever the county has their work done. Commissioner Moody stated that the area is approximately ½ mile. He said that the east half of the road is the City of Frontenac property and the west side is the County property. They will address the issue again when the county is closer to finishing their work.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood stated that he is going to work with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti check on grants available for a safe room for Opolis.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a Kansas Crossing Casino Gaming Revenue Report for 2022 and the 2023 report up until July. Commissioner Blair was answered that when the gaming revenue was established the entities that receive the

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money are the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County and Cherokee County and this is by state statute.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson addressed the bids on the Sanitation Services for the county. He explained the bid preference policy and stated his recommendations under the preference policy. Commissioner Blair stated that these bid awards will start August 1, 2023.

On motion (23-291) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the bids for Sanitation Services for Certain County Facilities as presented and recommended by County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Tim Lewellen from Short Trash service addressed the landfill road and Commissioner Moody stated that dust control is being done on that road at this time. There was a discussion of the condition of the road. Mr. Lewellen stated the issues his trucks have with the road. He stated that he would be grateful for any improvements that can be made.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked about the money received from Purple Wave. Mr. Emerson will get the information and readdress on Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (23-292) 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 the county property 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 10:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: July 14, 2023 – Budget Work Sessions with department heads beginning at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: July 14, 2023 – Budget Work Session with the EMS Department immediately following the regular session.

Item Three: July 18, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Ryan Insurance to discuss mid-year review.

Item Four: July 21, 2023 – 8:00 AM Work Session to review the 2024 Budgets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: Thursday, July 13, 2023 – LEPC meeting starting at 8:00 AM at the Crawford County Jail, 225 Enterprise Drive, Girard.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [July 11, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:00 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 7/11/2023 11:00 AM/amended BKW 7/13/2023 10:15 AM