

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, June 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.

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 (23-267) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 23, 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	263	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 20, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	264	To approve County Counselor Jim Emerson to go out for bids for financing for two 2023 Ford F150 trucks for the Sheriff's Department
Motion 23	265	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Steve K Kichler and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2021 tax rolls and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign
Motion 23	266	To approve the Sales Order Contract from Rush Truck Center for a 2025 International HV507 Truck and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Pastor Donnie Talent from Victory Life Church addressed the Commissioners about ARPA funding for the church's daycare facility. He presented the Commissioners with receipts for work done on the daycare. He gave an update on the status of the daycare and informed the Commissioners when the expected opening date will be and the number of slots that will be available. Pastor Talent discussed staffing at the facility. He stated that any additional funds available would be appreciated. He invited the Commissioners to stop by at any time for a tour. The Commissioners thanked Pastor Talent for his update.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Kansas Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Budget Adjustment Report. He explained the report.

On motion (23-268) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Budget Adjustment Report 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 Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-269) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss RJA under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Ms. Angie Hadley and Ms. Heidi Moody and to reconvene by 10:35 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 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Projects Project Programming Request for Route RS 173. He stated that this is for the HRRR project for the program year 2025. He explained that this is for 200th Street beginning at K126 and proceeding 2 miles north and is a continuation of an earlier HRRR project. He stated that the project will consist of constructing an aggregate edge wedge shoulder for 2 miles, along with the association earthwork, drainage structures, and striping. Mr. Emerson explained the costs involved and what the county's responsibility is.

On motion (23-270) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Projects Project Programming Request for Route RS 173.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-271) 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 the Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards 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 10:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Three: Commissioner Moody discussed having a meeting with KDOT and the local city officials about 69 Hwy. Mr. Emerson stated that the State is currently in the process of appointing a new Secretary of Transportation. There was a discussion on contacting

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the county's lobbyist to check into setting up a meeting. Mr. Emerson will continue to work on this issue.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood spoke about a meeting on 69 Hwy that he has heard about that is supposedly taking place in July or August. No one was aware of the meeting. Commissioner Wood stated that he will contact the interim Secretary of Transportation.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood spoke about 2 county employees that retired last week, Randy Chiartano who worked for the county for 27 years and John Macary who worked for the county for over 30 years. He stated that he hates losing that kind of experience at the county but wishes them well in their retirement.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed a CTEC meeting at the Casino tomorrow and said that he will be attending along with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair discussed the HOSA Conference he attended last week. He stated that he had an opportunity to speak with several EMS providers and discovered that some are having the same issues as Crawford County and some have already addressed the issues. He explained that he has a contact that he would like to speak with to get some information on the issues and problems that Crawford County is having and have a work session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Three: 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 (23-272) 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 the ATC and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:25 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 11:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:17 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Four: Commissioner Tom Moody requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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On motion (23-273) 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 County Employees under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:38 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 11:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Seven: Commissioner Moody addressed the courthouse being closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for Independence Day. He stated that he would like to close the Courthouse on Monday, July 3, 2023 and Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for the Independence Day Holiday.

On motion (23-274) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve closing the Courthouse on July 3, 2023 and July 4, 2023 for the Independence Day Holiday.

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: June 30, 2023 – Budget Work Sessions with department heads beginning at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: June 30, 2023 – Honorable Lori A Bolton Fleming, Chief Judge of the 11th Judicial District with request for Opioid Settlement Funds for Drug Court.

Item Three: June 30, 2023 – Opening of bids for the removal of refuse from specific County facilities.

Item Four: June 30, 2023 –Public Hearing on Vacating a Public Alley in the Original Town of Opolis Crawford County Kansas.

Item Five: July 7, 2023 – Budget Work Sessions with department heads beginning at 9:00 AM.

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Item Six: July 7, 2023 – 10:00 AM Opening of the Crawford County Health Department addition and remodel project bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: July 3, 2023 & July 4, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Item Two: July 4, 2023 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Independence Day Holiday.

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 [June 27, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:30 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 6/27/2023 11:30 AM/amended BKW 6/29/2023 10:15 AM](#)