

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, [NINETEENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. [Friday, March 10, 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 Carl Wood and Tom Moody were in attendance.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Wood stated that Mr. Anthony Pichler passed away last night. He explained that Mr. Pichler was a former Commissioner and served on the board over 20 years. Commissioner Wood stated that at 10:02 AM there will be a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Pichler.

Commissioner Moody said that when he started his term as Commissioner 25 years ago, Mr. Pichler was a Commissioner and Mr. Pichler was a mentor to him. He stated that he had a lot of respect for Mr. Pichler and it a sad day in the county. He explained that flags at the county buildings have been set at half-staff in honor of Mr. Pichler. Commissioner Moody stated that he is thankful and grateful that he had the opportunity to work with Mr. Pichler.

County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that Mr. Pichler was one of the Commission that hired him as Crawford County Counselor in 1995. He stated that sympathies go out to his family. He said that Mr. Pichler was a wonderful guy and did a lot for the county and the county employees.

Commissioner Blair stated that Mr. Pichler and his family has been an important part of this county in many ways.

At 10:02 AM a moment of silence was held in honor of former commissioner Anthony Pichler.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-120) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

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

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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:

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| Motion 23 | 110 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 3, 2023 minutes |
| Motion 23 | 111 | To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Streets in the Town of Curran, Crawford County Kansas with a hearing date set for 10:00 AM on April 11, 2023 |
| Motion 23 | 112 | To approve payment to the Kansas County Commissioners Association for membership dues in the amount of \$770.00 |
| Motion 23 | 113 | 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 cyber insurance and time clocks and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:48 AM |
| Motion 23 | 114 | To approve the Cyber Insurance renewal through Wood Insurance Center LLC and authorize IT Director Brandon Spaur to increase liability coverage if premium is reasonable |
| Motion 23 | 115 | To approve the February 2023 Clerk's Report as presented |
| Motion 23 | 116 | To approve the Letter of Support for an ARPA tourism grant application for Miner's Hall Museum |
| Motion 23 | 117 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:37 AM |
| Motion 23 | 118 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:40 AM |
| Motion 23 | 119 | To approve the appointment of Commissioner Carl Wood to the Crawford County Mental Health Governing Board |

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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Item One: Ms. Debra Anthony, County Health Director addressed the Commissioners in reference to a grant approval. She presented the Grant Application Signature Page for the Aid to Local Grants Application that requires the Chairman's signature. Ms. Anthony explained that all the grants included in this package are same as prior years which renew annually and there are no new grants.

On motion (23-121) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Aid to Local Grants Application and authorize the Chairman to sign Grant Application Signature Page.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-122) 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 Maintenance Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:30 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 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody addressed the trash along 69 Highway at the Buffalo Pens near Frontenac. He discussed the work session that was held this morning with Mr. Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill and stated that Mr. Sanders has been kind enough to have an individual that has a vacuum machine clean up the area with the assistance of some of the Road & Bridge crews on Monday, March 13 at 9:00 AM. He explained that KDOT will also be there assisting with traffic control and the area will be taken down to

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one lane of traffic. Commissioner Moody urged all citizens to use caution if driving near the area during that time.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood discussed the department bills that are submitted each month. He stated that he brought this up 2 or 3 weeks ago and noticed that some of the bills still do not have a signature of who made the purchase or where the items purchased will be used. He presented a copy of some of those bills and Commissioner Blair stated that those bills presented were dated before the memo went out asking for the signature and usage. There was a discussion on the departments being responsible for their own bills and knowing who made the purchase.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood addressed asphaltting and the Commission discussed asphaltting roads and budgeting for this.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated that Mr. Emerson and himself met with Mr. Wayne Gudmonson, Area District Engineer from KDOT on Wednesday and they spoke about the Adopt a Highway Program. Mr. Emerson explained how the program works and stated the state is encouraging the county to use this program. He said that the program requires training and that the state will provide all the supplies needed and will pick up the bagged trash. Mr. Emerson said that he will get more information on this program and the information will be put on the county's social media to find interested groups and organizations to apply for the program. He explained that the state is willing to help and Mr. Sanders is also willing to help.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that K7 Hwy project was also discussed with Mr. Gudmonson and Mr. Gudmonson explained that the original project letting was October 17, 2023 but the letting date has been pushed forward a year until October 2024 with a start date in the spring of 2025. Mr. Emerson said that Mr. Gudmonson stated that the state will work with the county with any issues during this project. Commissioner Blair explained that the county will maintain the roads and the state will provide dust control and provide gravel and will help with some maintenance issues on the designated roads. He also said that after the project is complete the state will put an inch and a half cap on the roads the county designates.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated that asphalt bids will be opened March 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the City of Pittsburg.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-123) 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 the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel

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and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:05 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 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:05 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-124) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss KDOT and Highway 69 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim 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 11:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Five: Commissioner Wood stated that Commissioner Blair and himself attended an LEPC meeting and a 911 meeting yesterday at the Girard Medical Center. He reported on the LEPC meeting and said that he felt it was a productive meeting. He wanted to thank the Girard Medical Center for hosting the meeting and providing lunch. Commissioner Blair reported on what took place in the 911 meeting.

The Commissioners wanted to thank Sheriff Smith and his employees for the excellent work they did Tuesday and for keeping the public informed on the situation that was taking place in the county that day.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 14, 2023 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith to discuss nuisance regulations.

Item Two: March 24, 2023 – Opening of culvert bids.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 20, 2023 – City/County Luncheon from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

Item Two: March 21, 2023 – Mr. Brady Hill & Frontenac High School Senior Class touring the Courthouse and attending Commission Meeting.

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 [March 10, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:19 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 3/10/2023 11:19 AM/amended BKW 2:30 PM