

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, March 17, 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.

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 (23-130) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 14, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 620322 to 620661 dated March 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$383,260.54, and
3. 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	125	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 10, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	126	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mental Health Executive Director Heather Spaur and to reconvene by 10:52 AM

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Motion 23	127	To approve voiding one uncashed check issued in 2021 and sending the remaining uncashed checks issued in 2021 to the State Treasurer for unclaimed property as presented
Motion 23	128	To approve the quote from Craw Kan in the amount of \$7,152.00 for an intercom system for the Pittsburg Judicial Center
Motion 23	129	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim and to reconvene by 11:23 AM

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

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented applications for two 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for Lisa Goff “Lakeview Café”, to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises and to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Mr. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and that they were given and there were no objections to the licenses.

On motion (23-131) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

2023 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses

APPLICANT: Lisa Goff “Lakeview Cafe”

PREMISES: 2 W Lake Rd, Farlington, KS 66734

(For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)

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PREMISES: 2 W Lake Rd, Farlington, KS 66734

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(For consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the federal funds distribution from the Federal Fund Exchange. He explained what the funds are. He stated that the Federal Funds available to Crawford County is \$190,867.50 and the exchange rate is 10% of these funds which the state keeps, therefore Crawford County will receive a total of \$171,780.75. Mr. Emerson explained how this program started and said that the county borrowed off this money for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. He said that Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards requested that these funds be allocated to the Road & Bridge Equipment Reserve Fund. Commissioner Wood had further questions and the Commissioners decided to table making a decision at this time.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that the county is at the end of the fiscal year and presented the Commissioners with a list of recommended transfers to close out the year. He explained that these transfers are extra carry over above what was budgeted and the county has the budget authority and the cash to transfer. He listed the recommended transfers to close out the year and explained each one.

On motion (23-132) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the end of 2022 budget transfers to reserve accounts.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody stated that he received a call from Frontenac City Mayor Dave Fornelli in reference to ARPA funds for the Joe Saia Overpass. Commissioner Moody stated that the Commissioners had previously discussed allocating \$40,000 in ARPA funds to the City of Frontenac for the repairs needed on the overpass. Mr. Emerson explained background information on this issue.

On motion (23-133) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the distribution of \$40,000 in ARPA funds to the City of Frontenac for repairs to the Joe Saia Overpass.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Carl Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-134) 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 the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:37 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 10:22 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 Five: Commissioner Wood discussed damage to a bridge on S 220th St (Langdon Lane.) Mr. Emerson stated that he put in a formal request to the Kansas Highway Patrol and has not received a response. Commissioner Wood stated that he will follow up with the Highway Patrol.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood discuss issues with trucks traveling down 260th Street and stated that he had Sign Foreman Dale Shireman put up bigger “No Thru Trucks” signs on this road. He also discussed speed limit signs and load limit signs on this road.

Item Seven: The Commissioner discussed issues with trash trucks.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood stated that he attended the open house at the Health Department this morning at 911 E Centennial, Pittsburg.

Item Nine: Commissioner Wood discussed the Change of Value Notices that went out and the appraised values of property.

Item Ten: Commissioner Blair stated that he received a phone call from an employee of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism and they stated that they have their summer help back on the schedule and are they are doing clean up and repairs to their private roads. Commissioner Blair stated KDWP is asking if the Sheriff’s Department could possibly patrol some of their roads occasionally.

OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Ms. Lusker discussed having the elected officials and department heads meet with the Commissioners to give updates on their departments. The Commissioners suggested doing these in work sessions. Ms. Lusker will start setting up the meetings.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson said that today was the deadline to submit bids for auditing services for the county and stated that there were no bids received. He said that he met with Ms. Lusker and they would like permission to contact neighboring counties to see what auditors they are using to get recommendations. The Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Moody suggested that they also contact Mense CPA Firm for suggestions.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that bids will be opened on March 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM for autopsy transportation services.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson said that Surveyor bids were opened a couple of weeks ago and he has reviewed the bids. He made a recommendation of Ag Engineering from the Uniontown. He explained that he has worked with this company on a couple of fence viewings and they did a good job.

On motion (23-135) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve Ag Engineering to provide surveying services for the county and authorize County Counselor Jim Emerson to pursue a contract.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Wood addressed the City/County Luncheon at the Homer Cole Building from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and stated there should be a good attendance. He said that Father Jerome will give the blessing and Pichler's Chicken Annie's will be catering.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 17, 2023 – Work Session with IT Director Brandon Spaur immediately after the regular session to discuss time clocks.

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

Item Three: March 31, 2023 – Opening of autopsy transportation bids.

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.

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Item Two: March 21, 2023 – Mr. Brady Hill & Frontenac High School Senior Class touring the Courthouse and attending Commission Meeting. More than one Commissioner will be assisting with the tour.

Item Three: March 29, 2023 – 2023 County Commissioner and Road Official Meeting at 9:00 AM at the KDOT Meeting Room in Chanute, Kansas. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

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 17, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:52 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 3/17/2023 10:52 AM/amended BKW 3/17/2023 3:30 PM](#)