

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, SEVENTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, March 3, 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 was seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-109) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 28, 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	103	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 24, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	104	To open the Public Hearing on closing a platted unnamed alley in the town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	105	To close the Public Hearing on closing a platted unnamed alley in the town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	106	To adopt Resolution #2023-005, A Resolution Closing a Platted Unnamed Alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 23	107	To approve the Lease Purchase/Promissory Note between Community National Bank & Trust and the Board of County Commissioners for a 2023 Caterpillar Weiler P385C Asphalt Paver in the amount of \$135,240.00 at 3.97% interest for 24 months and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 23	108	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 10:43 AM
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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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he is still waiting to hear about the BASE Funding Grant and explained that the award letters on this grant should go out on March 12, 2023. He also said that he is still currently working on a Health Department Grant. He presented the Commissioners with a list of funding opportunities and explained the grants included in the list. He discussed grants for Veteran's housing and rural road grants. Mr. Brunetti explained to Commissioner Wood how he applies for the grants and what information is needed. He stated that if the Commissioners are interested in applying for any of the grants, let him know and he will start on it immediately. Commissioner Blair requested that Mr. Brunetti get in contact with the Regional Planning Commission about a grant that assesses rural roads in the county.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Amy Sawyer addressed the Commissioners and stated that she works for United States Senator Roger Marshall in his Pittsburg office. She said that their military liaison representative will be coming to her office next week and wanted to know if the Commissioners would be interested in speaking with him about veteran housing. The Commissioners scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Root Coffee House in Pittsburg. Ms. Sawyer explained that Senator Marshall can write a letter of support for any federal grants the county is applying for. She handed out her contact information to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker presented the February 2023 Clerk's Report. She stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of February. Ms. Wicker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the January 2023 to February 2023 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. The Commissioners reviewed the reports and had questions on the Road & Bridge Fund. They decided to table the Clerk's report until Tuesday.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody said that he was contacted by Ms. Phyllis Bitner from Miners Hall Museum and said that she gave him a letter requesting a Letter of Support for a grant that is funded by ARPA funds through the Kansas Department of Commerce. He stated that he has informed County Counselor Jim Emerson of the request and Mr. Emerson will draft a letter. The Commissioners will readdress this issue on Tuesday.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed the issue of trash along 69 Highway north of Arma. He said that he has observed the transfer trucks property tarped and that someone has been attempting to clean up the trash. He stated that it looks better than it has in the past. The Commissioners discussed groups or organizations cleaning up the debris and involving Oak Grove Landfill in getting the highway cleaned up.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed putting cameras on all corners of the District #3 Shop building at the Freeto location.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood addressed the Courthouse lawn and bidding out the work needed.

Item Six: The Commissioners addressed repairs needed to the exterior lighting at the Courthouse and the Judicial Center.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed CTEC and having work done for cabinets and other needed items at the Freeto Building.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood stated that IT Director Brandon Spaur was going to address the Commissioners today about the time clocks but Commissioner Wood asked him to wait until Tuesday when Mr. Emerson will be present.

Item Nine: Commissioner Blair stated that the Crack Sealer came in and he has requested that Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards reach out to the City of Pittsburg to see where they purchase the product for their sealer.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood stated that he has requested the 2022 & 2023 budgets for the Road & Bridge Department and will eventually look at all the department budgets.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair reported on the Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood stated that he toured the County Health Department on Wednesday and he discussed bringing in a nurse practitioner with Health Department Director Debra Anthony.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood stated that the current culvert check out sheet has all the information that is needed and no changes are necessary. He also discussed the culverts in the County being marked on the GIS maps.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 8, 2023 – Meeting with Ms. Amy Marshall from US Senator Roger Marshall’s Office and their military liaison representative at 1:00 PM at the Root Coffee House in Pittsburg. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Two: March 9, 2023 -- LEPC meeting with 911 meeting to follow starting at 8:00 AM at the Girard Medical Center.

Item Three: 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 Four: 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 3, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:38 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 3/3/2023 10:38 AM/amended 3/6/2023 10:30 AM