

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Tuesday, May 16, 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Vice-Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion (23-213)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 12, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 621801 to 622137 dated May 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$358,247.41.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 23	208	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 9, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	209	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 Freeto contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 11:21 AM

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Motion 23	210	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss EMS staffing 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 11:39 AM
Motion 23	211	To approve the survey to be posted on the county website and available to the public
Motion 23	212	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Road and Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:21 PM

### **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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (23-214)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood 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 contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, RJA Program Coordinator Angie Hadley and Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:19 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:04 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:19 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Letter of Support from the Commissioners for the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center's application for a Solid Waste Grant. Mr. Emerson explained that the grant is for the repair of a carboard baler for the facility.

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**On motion (23-215)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Letter of Support from the Commissioners for the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center's application for a Solid Waste Grant.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented an application through Catholic Charities for a Kansas Emergency Shelter Grant. He stated that this is different from the ESG through Safehouse. He said that this grant will serve 25 counties, mostly around Southeast Kansas and the only requirement for the county is to state that Catholic Charities provides services in Crawford County. He explained that there is no fiscal responsibility for the county. He spoke about some of the services this grant provides.

**On motion (23-216)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Certification of Local Government Approval for Nonprofit Organizations Receiving 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant for Catholic Charities and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson addressed the remodel project at the Freeto Building. He explained that 2/3 of the building has already been remodeled and is used by RJA. He stated that the south end needs to be remodeled and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz received quotes for the south end remodel and Mr. Gorentz recommends the quote from Tri-State Building. He explained that RJA has applied for a grant for the remodel and if they receive the grant, it is a 90 day turn around and Tri-State can meet that time line. Commissioner Moody explained that a new roof was put on the entire building a couple of years ago and then 2/3 of the building has been remodeled and this quote is for the last piece of remodeling to get the building in good condition.

**On motion (23-217)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the quote from Tri-State Building for the remodel project at the Freeto Building as recommended by Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated that the Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano has requested that the work session scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 9:30 AM. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood discussed the survey on the 69 Bypass and some changes that have been requested. He will give the requested changes to Commissioner Blair to review.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Wood discussed promoting employees and giving them the opportunity to apply for other jobs within the County.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood discussed some of the bill vouchers. He had questions on the Miscellaneous Fund and he requested a work session at some point to have this explained to him.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood asked about budgets and County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that all the departments have been sent their work sheets. The Commissioners and Ms. Lusker discussed the time line to have the Commissioners go over the department budgets.

**Item Three:** Ms. Lusker addressed a work session on Friday, May 19, 2023 to discuss ARPA invoices for May with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and herself and requested that it be held at 9:30 AM since the work session with Mr. Chiartano set for that time has been rescheduled.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: May 19, 2023 –9:30 AM** work session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker and Fiscal Director Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA invoices for May.

**Item Two: May 19, 2023 –** Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator presenting the Fiscal Year 2024 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget.

**Item Three: May 23, 2023 –9:30 AM** work session with Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano to discuss asphalt projects.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [May 16, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:37 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken BKW 5/16/2023 10:37 AM/amended BKW 5/18/2023 10:45 AM](#)