

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **EIGHTY-FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, November 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 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 (23-472) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 14, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 625655 to 625946 dated November 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$411,644.80, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

The Regular Session was recessed to go into the meeting of the Board of County Canvassers at 10:01 AM.

The Regular Session was reconvened at 10:20 AM.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 23	463	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 3, 2023 minutes
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Motion 23	464	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss security measures related to public body information systems and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Brandon Spaur, Craw Kan employees Mario Valenzuela and Lucas Stansbury and to reconvene by 10:33 AM
Motion 23	465	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Mark E Smith and to request an abatement in the amount of \$37.58 from the 2022 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	466	To approve the Tax Roll Corrections, correcting errors in the assessing of Severed Minerals owned by Missouri Improvement Company and to request a refund in the amount of \$10.30 from the 2020 tax rolls, the amount of \$10.06 from the 2021 tax rolls, and the amount of \$9.87 from the 2022 Tax Rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	467	To adopt Resolution #2023-022, A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2024
Motion 23	468	To cancel the open meeting on December 5, 2023 due to a conflict in scheduling with the KAC Conference
Motion 23	469	To approve obtaining quotes for interest rates on the purchase of four new ambulances
Motion 23	470	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 juvenile attorney contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:14 AM
Motion 23	471	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:14 AM

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 THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Mike Gordon, Crawford County Fire District #1 Chief addressed the Commissioners in reference to an apparatus quote. Mr. Gordon stated that the Crawford County Fire District #1 approved to present to the Commissioners the quote from Conrad Fire Equipment for a 2024 Pierce Freightliner Pumper with equipment in the amount of \$426,976.89. He explained that the pumper will not be delivered until May of 2024 and

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that is when the debt will incur. He discussed the amount of funds to put towards the purchase and the amount that will be financed through a bank note. He also spoke about purchasing rescue tools for the new truck. Mr. Gordon addressed the increase of cost in the pumper that is expected in the next few months. He stated that this purchase is in line with the departments 7-year replacement plan.

On motion (23-475) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the purchase of a 2024 Pierce Freightliner Pumper with equipment in the amount of \$426,976.89 for Crawford County Fire District #1 and authorize the Chairman to sign and to authorize County Counselor Jim Emerson to seek financing

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Blue Cross/Blue Shield packets with contracts for 2024. He discussed the changes that will take place in 2024. He also discussed the differences between HSA & FSA. He explained the contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

On motion (23-476) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the contracts with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health insurance for 2024 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a Service Agreement with Craw-Kan for Offsite Backup and Office Site Backup storage in the amount of \$760.00 per month.

On motion (23-477) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Service Agreement with Craw-Kan for Offsite Backup and Office Site Backup storage in the amount of \$760.00 per month and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented Progress Billing #2 from Tri-State Building & Supply Co, Inc. for the Crawford County Health Department Project in the amount of \$58,365.90. He also presented a progress report on the project. He discussed the billing and the progress report.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-478) 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 10 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:01 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 10:51 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 continued:

On motion (23-479) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Progress Billing #2 from Tri-State Building & Supply Co, Inc. for the Crawford County Health Department Project in the amount of \$58,365.90 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed a report from the Emergency Management Director on a fire.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed the insurance claim on some damaged air conditioners and Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Aaron Crozier from the Maintenance Department is working on a report and Mr. Crozier should have that report to him by Tuesday and he will discuss it in Tuesday's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker addressed the Commissioners and stated that she wanted to thank her staff for all their had work the last two weeks. She stated that this was the first election that was ran by the new Director of Elections Gene Rountree-Garcia and he did a great job. She also commended Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and

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Fiscal Services Coordinator Emily Vediz on the Employee Benefit Fair held yesterday. Ms. Lusker stated that she is proud of all her employees. Mr. Emerson spoke about the online portal available to employees to complete the necessary paperwork for the fiscal office.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 21, 2023 – Mr. Jeremy Johnson and Mr. Gene Vogler with SEK Recycling Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 23 & 24, 2023 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Item Two: November 24, 2023 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Item Three: December 5, 2023- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is to be canceled due to the KAC Conference.

Item Four: December 5, 6, 7, 2023 – Kansas Association of Counties Conference in Wichita, KS. All three Commissioners 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 [November 17, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:00 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 11/20/2023 12:23 PM BKW amended](#)