

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SEVENTY-FIRST** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, September 22, 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 (23-389) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 19, 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	383	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 15, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	384	To open the Public Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard
Motion 23	385	To close the Public Hearing on excluding land previously annexed into the City of Girard
Motion 23	386	To adopt Resolution #2023-017, a Resolution Approving the Petition to Deannex Certain Property in the City of Girard, Kansas Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-532 and Adopting Findings in Connection Therewith

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Motion 23	387	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures if the discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect specific systems, facilities or equipment in reference to cyber security and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Brandon Spaur, and Craw-Kan employee Mario Valenzuela, and to reconvene by 10:41 AM
Motion 23	388	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 county roads and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 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

Item One: Public Hearing on vacating platted alleys in Mayer’s Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-390) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to open the Public Hearing on vacating platted alleys in Mayer’s Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Darwin Guinn stated he is the son of Ms. Cindy Davis and questioned if vacating the platted alleys means they are going to gain half of the alley. County Counselor Jim Emerson informed him that is correct and that they will not be losing any property. Mr. Emerson went on to show him on the map the area they will gain. Commissioner Bruce Blair explained that it was previously a platted alley that had never been opened. Mr. Guinn then asked if it would be possible for them to place a second septic system on an area of their property and Mr. Emerson directed him to go speak with the Zoning Department.

On motion (23-391) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to close the Public Hearing on vacating platted alleys in Mayer’s Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2023-018, A Resolution on vacating platted alleys in Mayer's Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (23-392) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2023-018, A Resolution on vacating platted alleys in Mayer's Addition to South Radley, part of the E1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Twenty-Nine (29), Range Twenty-Four (24), Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (23-393) 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss 911 and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Communications Director Tim Mikrut and to reconvene by 10:23 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 10:08 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:23 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-394) 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

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than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and to reconvene by 10:35 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 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed a request for a work session with the Bukaty Company at 9:00 AM on Tuesday September 26, 2023. He also mentioned scheduling a work session for the same day in regards to ARPA with Ms. Randi Ryan at 8:45 AM. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a lease agreement for two vehicles between the Sheriff's Department and Labette Bank. Commissioner Moody asked if this is something that is allowed to be paid off early and Mr. Emerson explained that it can be. He discussed the details that were located on page 4 of the document handed out and stated the equipment cost was \$98,285 with an interest rate of 5.24% which was the lowest of the four bids that they received. It was said the highest bid was 6.7% interest rate.

On motion (23-395) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Municipal Lease Agreement between Labette Bank and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for two 2023 Ford F150s in the total amount of 98,285.00 at 5.24% interest for 36 months and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioner Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody mentioned that he visited with Mr. Emerson about contacting Mine Reclamation and asked if he was able to get in touch with them. Mr. Emerson stated he was able to obtain contact information for the citizen trying to get into contact with them.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood stated he had someone call him a previous night about the amount of expired temporary tags they have been seeing. It was discussed about Mr. Emerson visiting with the Sheriff's Department in regards to this which he stated he has done previously.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair stated hopefully by next week the asphalt project will be wrapped up weather permitting. Commissioner Wood asked about the training

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conference again that was mentioned in a previous meeting and Commissioner Blair stated he knows the dates of the training are October 31 and November 1 in Topeka but he is still waiting for clarification on a time. Commissioner Blair said he will inform the Commissioners when he gets clarification.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Jacob Cochran addressed the Commissioners and stated that he has accepted a position with Representative Jake LaTurner's office and that he will leave a business card with the Commissioners so that they can have his contact information if they were to need anything from him. Mr. Cochran mentioned their office is located at Block 22 in Pittsburg. Commissioner Wood asked if they have anything going on in their office that they should be aware of and he stated he has nothing to report for the Commissioners at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Three: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-396) 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 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS and Timesheets and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:17 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 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:08 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (23-397) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss RJA Remodel and Landfill Permit and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:23 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 26, 2023- 8:45 AM Work Session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan in regards to ARPA.

Item Two: September 26, 2023- 9:00 AM Work Session with the Bukaty Company to discuss insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [September 22, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:28 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 09/25/2023 RJA 10:30 am/AMENDED 9/25/2023 BKW 11:15 AM](#)