

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, September 27, 2022 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.
Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.
County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.
Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (22-352) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the September 23, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair
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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description of motion.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Item One: County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he attended a conference last week in McPherson in reference to Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). He gave the Commissioners a list of the funding opportunities and what they entail. He went through the list and explained each of the funding opportunities. There was a discussion on who is eligible to apply for CDBG funding. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Brunetti forward the information to the child care facilities that are requesting ARPA funding to see if it could be a benefit to them. Mr. Brunetti also discussed the possibility of applying for funding to replace the bridges at Wilderness Park. He explained that the counties can apply for 2 projects and cities can apply for 1. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Brunetti reach out to the cities with this information.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the ARPA draw down request for the month of September. He reviewed the request with the Commissioners.

On motion (22-353) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for September.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody discussed the Joe Saia Overpass. He stated that he received a call from a concerned citizen about the condition of the overpass. Commissioner Moody said that he went and looked at the overpass and it does need attention. Mr. Emerson handed out a map of the area. Commissioner Moody explained that he understood that the overpass was partially Crawford County property, partially City of Frontenac property and partially City of Pittsburg property but after viewing the map it appears to be all City of Frontenac property. Mr. Emerson explained that he believes the change took place when the City of Frontenac annexed property into the city of limits on the east side of the overpass. He explained how the GIS maps are updated each year. Commissioner Moody stated that he will contact City of Frontenac Mayor David Fornelli about the issue and also send Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano to the location and see what repairs are needed. There was a discussion on the work the county did to the overpass in the past. Mr. Gary Edwards addressed the Commissioners and explained his concerns with the overpass.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that he will be attending a conference in St. Joseph the next two days and will report on the conference in a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (22-354) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson 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 employee handbook and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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 10:43 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (22-355) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson 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 the employee handbook and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:54 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:44 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:53 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (22-356) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel

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and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:09 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:54 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:02 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (22-357) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson 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 ARPA funding and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:18 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 30, 2022 – 9:00 AM Work Session with the Bukaty Company.

Item Two: October 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on vacating platted streets in Makuc's Subdivision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 29, 2022 – Southeast Kansas County Officials District Meeting from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Bourbon County. More than 1 Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Two: October 5, 2022 – Rotary Club Meeting at the Knights of Columbus at 7:00 AM. Two Commissioners will be in attendance.

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Item Three: October 6, 2022 – Retirement Reception for Crawford County Fire District #1 Chief Mike Ryan at the Baker Fire Station #1 at 5:00 PM. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Four: October 10, 2022 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Item Five: October 11, 2022 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday and a meeting conflict.

Item Six: October 11, 2022 – Pittsburg Economic Outlook Conference at the Overman Student Center at Pittsburg State University from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Seven: October 17, 18 & 19, 2022 – Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Overland Park Kansas. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [September 27, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:21 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 9/27/2022 11:21 AM/amended BKW 9/29/2022 1:25 PM