

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, **SIXTY-SIXTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, September 5, 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 (23-358)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 1, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	350	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 29, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	351	To approve the KDHE Workforce Development Grant application signature page and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	352	To approve the August 2023 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 23	353	To approve Kansas Housing Resources Corporation 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant award to Safehouse Crisis Center Inc. in the total amount of \$21,537.57 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 23	354	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 regarding the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:35 AM
Motion 23	355	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 regarding ARPA funds and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Lisa Lusker and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
Motion 23	356	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 regarding the Mental Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:46 AM
Motion 23	357	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 the old landfill and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:02 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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker requested a work session on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM to discuss the 2024 County Budget. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections FY24 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary. He also presented an email from Community Corrections Director Tracy Harris that explains what the carryover reimbursement consists of and how these funds can be utilized.

**On motion (23-359)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections FY24 Adult Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody stated that it was brought to his attention that there is a cement table on the courthouse lawn that is not ADA accessible and the Commissioners will have Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz check into the issue.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood stated that on Friday evening a C & D landfill in his district caught fire. He spoke about the area fire departments and other emergency personnel that were called in and how the entities worked together and made the emergency situation run smoothly. Commissioner Wood said that it was a large fire and was very pleased how everyone worked together. Commissioner Moody stated that all the emergency workers are trained and know how to work together in these situations. Commissioner Wood also thanked Mr. Emerson for coming out and getting involved.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair stated that this fall CAT will be holding an asphalt class and showed interest in using the county's paver for the class. He said he will get more details and readdress at a later date.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood discussed COVID and employees working from home and tracking working hours. He stated that he will speak with County IT Director Brandor Spaur about the issue. Commissioner Moody stated that the department head should know what work their employee is doing if working from home.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated that he will be attending a Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-360)** 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 regarding the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson 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 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: September 8, 2023 – 9:00 AM** Work Session on the 2024 County Budget.

**Item Two: September 15, 2023** – Revenue Neutral Rate Hearings and Budget Hearings for Crawford County & Crawford County Fire Districts No. 1,2 & 4 for FY 2024 and FY2024 Fire District No. 3 & Sewer District Budgets.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [September 5, 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, 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

Taken [BKW 9/5/2023 10:37 AM](#)/amended [BKW 9/5/2023 12:30 PM](#)