

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, [SEVENTY-EIGHTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, October 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 (23-441) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 13, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, 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	440	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 10, 2023 minutes, Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 625031 to 625328 dated October 13, 2023 in the total amount of \$596,085.30, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
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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

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: EMS Director Randy Sandburg requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (23-442) 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 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 Sandburg, and to reconvene by 10:12 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 10:02 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker gave a reminder that today is the last day to make changes to voter registration. Commissioner Moody asked if this is also the last day to apply for absentee ballots and she responded that absentee ballot applications can be received up through October 31, 2023. She addressed that early voting is available starting tomorrow Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in the County Clerk's office and also on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Homer Cole.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he has had a couple of requests for upcoming work sessions. The first being scheduled on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 9:00 AM with Ms. Randi Ryan in regards to health insurance and FSA. The second work session would also be scheduled on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 9:30 AM with Communications Director Tim Mikrut to discuss the tower.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson mentioned that they have been working with Crawford County Mental Health in regards to a wrecked vehicle. The insurance company wanted documentation that Commissioner Blair is the chairman and is authorized to sign titles on behalf of the Commission. He presented the letter to the Board so that they could sign off on this letter which would allow insurance to move along in the process of the wrecked vehicle.

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On motion (23-443) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to grant the authorization of the letter head stating Commissioner Blair serves as Chairman and allowing him to sign off on titles on behalf of the Commission.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson reminded the Commissioners of the Mulberry City/County Luncheon located at the Senior Citizens Center from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson stated he had a meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner, Ms. Bonnie Hauck, and Ms. Randi Ryan in regards to ARPA. He provided the Commissioners with a paper showing the ARPA funding and stated he has marked the ones that still have some funds available. Mr. Emerson said with the Commissioners permission they are going to move those available funds in the amount of \$48, 828.22 back in to Crawford County Administration and then they can disperse them accordingly per request. He also mentioned that expended amounts to date are \$3, 132, 298.00 but that changes monthly. Commissioner Wood stated there is a child care center with Victory Life Church that is completed and moving into phase two and is wanting some more money to help with that funding in the amount of \$200,000. There was also some discussion in regards to using remaining money for various county projects. Commissioner Moody presented the idea of setting a deadline for the money to be used by various projects or else it is to be forfeited back to the county so that they can reallocate it before the set deadline for the spending of said money.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood wanted to discuss bills with HHW and how they have increased by \$1,000 compared to this time last year. He wants the Commission to speak with the manager in regards to this and stated that he can see their wages have increased and by exactly how much they have increased. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if other counties pay for HHW and he stated that they do not. Commissioner Wood stated they need to speak to the manager either in work session or in the meeting. Ms. Lusker stated she will reach out the recycling center to see when they would be available to attend a meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker discussed the Kansas Association of Counties Conference and how they are supposed to have a county voting delegate which has been done every year. Commissioner Wood proposed that they have Ms. Lusker be the voting delegate.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated he will need to get numbers for who is attending the KAC so they can get registration done. Commissioner Wood informed Mr. Emerson he needs to be marked for two rooms because he plans on having his Foreman attend as well. Commissioner Moody mentioned he would also like to bring his Foreman to the conference as well.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked if the Sheriff's Department has decided if they would like to make use of the building being that is being moved from the Health Department before their remodeling process begins. Commissioner Blair stated they are going to use it and are laying gravel for it today and that they are hopefully going to have it moved by Friday.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated the boiler for the Courthouse is in and that Maintenance Director Aaron Crozier plans on having the system flushed as well as some other tasks that need to be completed before installing the new boiler and that they are also still waiting on the filter but that it should be in towards the end of the month.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: October 24, 2023- 9:00 AM Work session with Randi Ryan in regards to health insurance and FSA.

Item Two: October 24, 2023- 9:30 AM Work session with Communications Director Tim Mikrut in regards to the possible tower project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 17, 2023- Last day for changes to be made to voter registration for the 2023 City/School General Election.

Item Two: October 18, 2023- Early voting for the 2023 City/School General Election begins in the Crawford County Clerk's Office.

Item Three: October 25, 2023- City/County Luncheon hosted by City of Mulberry at the Mulberry Senior Citizens Center from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. 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 [October 17, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:44 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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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 RJA 10/19/2023 3:00 PM](#)