

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, [THIRTY-SECOND](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, April 30, 2024 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 Carl Wood served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (24-215) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [April 26, 2024](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 24	211	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 23, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	212	To recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes
Motion 24	213	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 Road and Bridge and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 11:47 AM

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Motion 24	214	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 EMS and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 11:53 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Robert Herlocker addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he takes care of 13 lots in Farlington and that two of the lots south of the Community Building are trashed so he cannot mow them. Mr. Herlocker said he would like something done to get this fixed and cleaned up. Commissioner Moody stated the Commissioners will notify Zoning Administrator May Smith in regards to this issue to have her go check the property and if she deems necessary to send them a letter in regards to this nuisance. Mr. Herlocker mentioned the house on one of the lots is still standing but that he believes it is unlivable. County Counselor Jim Emerson gave Mr. Herlocker directions to the Zoning office so he could speak with Ms. Smith in regards to these issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: IT Director Brandon Spaur requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures.

On motion (24-216) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to the security of a public body or agency, public building or facility or the information system of a public body or agency, if the discussion of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize the security of such public body, agency, building, facility, or information system to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Brandon Spaur, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony and to reconvene by 10:24 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:09 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Health Department Director Debra Anthony requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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On motion (24-217) 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Ms. Tracy Harris, Community Corrections Director presenting the Fiscal Year 2025 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget. She mentioned Community Corrections is looking to work on building capacity for staff and retaining staff. Commissioner Moody asked what Ms. Harris believes is the reason for the high turnover rate and Ms. Harris stated most of the corrections officers leave due to court services having openings for higher pay. Ms. Harris mentioned legislature voted for a pay increase on the next fiscal year so she believes they can compete better next year with court services in regards to wages. Commissioner Wood stated he believed they were funded through State of Kansas and Ms. Harris confirmed they are funded by a grant through Kansas Department of Corrections which is state funded. Ms. Harris gave some information on the difference in community corrections, court services, and parole and also explained that they are funded differently. Commissioner Wood asked about possibly having a lobbyist attempt to help in the process at the state level. Commissioner Wood suggested speaking with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti to see if there are any grants out there that they could apply for.

On motion (24-218) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed consultant quotes for the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use bids and stated that the county has received 2 bids. Mr. Emerson stated one was mailed and one was dropped off. He said that the first bid is

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from Dick Horton Consulting who did not receive the information before last week so he explained to Mr. Emerson he would need a little more time to come up with a proposal but discussed their company's experience. He stated that the second bid is from Marvin Planning Consultants out of Nebraska. Commissioner Moody stated he recommends Mr. Emerson research each of the bidders and then return to the Commissioners with a recommendation. Mr. Emerson also explained that with something like this, the county should look more at experience and who will do the best job for the county instead of dollar amounts given with the proposal when it comes to hiring a consultant. Mr. Emerson said hopefully next week he will have a recommendation for the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson mentioned he received an asphalt contract from the City of Pittsburg. Mr. Emerson provided the Commissioners with a contract from Emery Sapp & Sons because they are the only company that has their contract submitted so far. Commissioner Wood said he spoke with Emery Sapp & Sons just the other day in regards to this. Mr. Emerson said City of Pittsburg is still waiting on the contract from Bettis Asphalt & Construction. Mr. Emerson stated he approves the contract from Emery Sapp & Sons. Commissioner Wood asked if we are required to buy a certain amount of product from either company with this contract and Mr. Emerson stated no the county is not required to buy a certain amount.

On motion (24-219) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the asphalt contract with Emery Sapp & Sons and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if he had time to review the suggested moratorium that was presented by the Crawford County Coalition Against Industrial Wind and Solar on Friday April 26th. Mr. Emerson stated he has reviewed some of it but also has a moratorium of his own that he is in the process of working on.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Commissioner Moody mentioned he plans on attending the SEK 69 Highway Association meeting tonight and he is aware Commissioner Wood will be in attendance and he also believes Commissioner Blair will be in attendance too. He mentioned they will need to announce that all three Commissioners may be in attendance. Mr. Emerson confirmed the meeting is at 6:30 PM at The Barn.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood mentioned he had a meeting with his road foreman yesterday in regards to the oil for chip and seal. He believes each Commissioner needs to discuss with their road foremen about this. Commissioner Moody asked for a work session with the road foremen on Tuesday May 7th at 9:30 AM.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood mentioned to Mr. Emerson he would like him to arrange for EMS Director Randy Sandberg to be present at the meeting on Friday, May 3rd so that they can have an executive session with him. Mr. Emerson stated he will see if Mr. Sandberg is free.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Two: Mr. Emerson handed out the schedule for open houses hosted by KDOT in regards to their corridor study. He proceeded to discuss the dates and locations of these meetings. Commissioner Wood mentioned he received a personal invite to a meeting with KDOT but he cannot remember when it was scheduled and that he will announce it when he gets the details.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson mentioned that the Commissioners had asked him to contact Mr. Charles Bowers, KDHE Engineer, in regards to the previously discussed transfer of the permit in regards to the landfill. He explained this is a new transfer as one was already approved last year by the State of Kansas. He stated Mr. Bowers will bring maps and information when he attends the meeting on Friday May 10th at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Wood stated he will make some residents aware because he has heard from a few people who live in close proximity to the landfill regarding some concerns that they have.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 7, 2024 – 9:30 AM Work Session with the 3 Road Foremen to discuss oil for the chip and seal.

Item Two: May 10, 2024 – Mr. Charles Bowers, KDHE Engineer, regarding landfill transfer permit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 30, 2024 – 6:30 PM SEK 69 Highway Association meeting at The Barn at Timber Cove. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [April 30, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:13 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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 RJA 05/02/2024 9:30 AM/amended BKW 5/2/24 11:30 AM](#)