

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, June 14, 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.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Tom Moody were 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 (24-275) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 11, 2024** 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 24	271	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 7, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	272	To approve the Jurisdictional Agreement between the City of Arma and Crawford County as presented
Motion 24	273	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 EMS

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		and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 AM
Motion 24	274	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the zoning and land use consultant and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Zoning Administrator May Smith, and to reconvene by 11:01 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Jeff Giacometti addressed the Commissioners. He stated he lives in Farlington and is here to request a fence viewing on 7 Highway from the Commissioners. Mr. Giacometti stated KDOT is trying to tell him the hedgerow is overgrown but he disagrees. He stated KDOT told him he needs another verification which is why he is asking the Commissioners to view it. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated he will set up a time and contact both parties before doing this.

Item Two: Ms. Angela Meyer addressed the Commissioners. She stated that her parents live in Franklin. Ms. Meyer gave some background about her parents neighboring property being abandoned and cluttered with different items and stated it is owned by Mr. Evan Wilson. Ms. Meyer wants to know when this property is going to be cleaned up so it is no longer an eye sore and a danger to children. She mentioned that she has talked to Zoning and was told it is not a nuisance and that she has also contacted Mr. Emerson but never heard back. She is wanting to know what the county is going to do about this issue. Commissioner Wood stated Zoning Administrator May Smith is here at the meeting and would like to see if she can answer any of Ms. Meyer's questions. Ms. May Smith presented the Commissioners with a folder of information. She stated this case started with the previous Zoning Administrator as she did not take the position until 2020. Ms. Smith stated that she sent a letter to the owners of this property back in 2021 that there were 3 vehicles on the property that did not run. Ms. Smith stated in 2022 she was contacted and told Mr. Wilson was running an illegal mowing business out of this property but she stated she never saw any evidence of lawn mowers and that at the time she was assured a couple of the vehicles on the property worked. Ms. Smith mentioned the black containers on the property were approved by a previous Zoning Administrator so she is not allowed to go back on those. Ms. Smith stated she visited the property yesterday and she took some pictures and as the pictures show, the vehicles have been removed. She reinforced that if someone owns a property they are allowed to store things on it. Ms. Smith mentioned she has never had a complaint on this property from any other residents besides the Meyers family. Commissioner Wood asked which three vehicles are inoperable and Ms. Smith pointed out in the pictures it seems there would only be two inoperable vehicles on the property and that the school bus that was purchased is gone.

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Commissioner Wood asked about the zoning and Ms. Smith answered. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson what needs to be done to verify these vehicles are tagged and Ms. Smith mentioned if they are inoperable they do not have to be tagged. Mr. Emerson stated that Ms. Smith would have to verify that with the land owner and Commissioner Wood asked her if she could do that and Ms. Smith said she will. Commissioner Wood had a question about one of the pictures and Ms. Smith answered. Commissioner Wood asked Ms. Angela Meyer what date one of her pictures was taken and Ms. Meyer answered that it was taken this week. Mr. Emerson stated the concern of the business being operated was taken care of and that they need to continue to make sure the rules are followed in regards to the inoperable vehicles. Ms. Angela Meyer addressed the Commissioners again. She stated there has conveniently been stuff cleaned up since her mother called to get on the agenda to speak about this. She gave more information about the complaints that she has made. Ms. Meyer then also discussed the potholes her mother was concerned about in Franklin. Ms. Edra Meyer addressed the Commissioners and discussed the pictures her daughter provided.

Ms. May Smith stated she does not feel she is angry and combative but that she is passionate about her office and her job. She stated she stands by the information she has provided and that she can contact Mr. Wilson about more complaints about the weeds and can check again on the vehicles. Ms. Angela Meyer provided pictures of 4th and Broadway in Franklin to show the potholes. She stated this is a safety hazard for drivers due to having to slow down so much to drive over it. Commissioner Moody stated this is KDOT's area to fix and that they have been notified of this. Ms. Edra Meyer stated they patched it Wednesday but that the patches never hold up.

Item Three: Ms. Shannon Wedge with American Red Cross addressed the Commissioners. She stated she is here to introduce herself and the services that American Red Cross provides. Ms. Wedge stated their disaster staff has a great relationship with Crawford County's Emergency Management staff. She provided some information to the Commissioners about what American Red Cross has done recently. Ms. Wedge discussed their free smoke alarm program. She also discussed their need for volunteers. Commissioner Wood asked if they have any staff that attend LEPC meetings and she stated she will make sure they get a representative to those meetings. Commissioner Wood asked about the disaster trucks and where they would be stationed and Ms. Wedge stated she will send him an email with this information. Commissioner Wood asked about blood drives and Ms. Wedge stated how successful their blood drives are.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an application for a 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage License for George C Brown Post #26 American Legion to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event Crawford County Fair during the dates beginning at 8:00 AM on July 29, 2024 and ending at 6:00 PM on August 4, 2024 at the Legion Stand at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Ms. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, and the Township Clerk and all responded that they had no issue with this application.

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On motion (24-276) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds)

DATE: 8:00 AM on July 29, 2024 and ending at 6:00 PM on August 4, 2024

(For consumption on the premises)

EVENT: Crawford County Fair

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned KDAD’s lunch with Crawford County Mental Health was originally scheduled for June 25th but has been moved to August 13th.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated the consultant requested a work session on either June 25th or June 28th. He asked if June 28th would work for the Commissioners and the Commissioners agreed. Mr. Emerson stated he wants it at 9:00 AM to have the whole hour for this work session.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented a letter of support for Crawford County Mental Health to apply for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant. He mentioned this grant will allow more access to treatment for patients with limited ability to pay for treatment. Commissioner Wood asked if this meant the patients will get a cell phone to call the treatment center and Mr. Emerson explained it will also help people with the cost of treatment. Commissioner Wood would like to read and think about this more. Mr. Emerson stated this is just a letter of support for them to apply for the grant and that the county is not on the application at all.

On motion (24-277) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the letter of support for Crawford County Mental Health to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Five: Mr. Emerson presented an ATC drawdown request. He gave some information in what has already been paid by the county including the dates it was paid. Mr. Emerson mentioned there is \$127,000 remaining in the general fund under the Addiction Treatment Building line item. He mentioned this money would be the end of the county's commitment of \$1,000,000.

On motion (24-278) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Addiction Treatment Center drawdown as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Mr. Emerson discussed that the alarm system is needing attention as it is old. He mentioned there have been conversations between Craw-Kan, Courthouse Maintenance Director Aaron Crozier, and Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz about the alarm system.

On motion (24-279) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the alarm upgrade project for the Crawford County Courthouse as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Seven: Commissioner Blair mentioned the water in the basement. He stated Mr. Crozier is going to have someone come inspect the area and roof drainage as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker stated Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan has requested a work session to discuss ARPA. She asked if they could come in at 8:45 AM on June 25th to have this work session and the Commissioners agreed that time would work.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned the street lights they discussed putting up in Opolis and Prairieview subdivision. He stated Evergy said there would be a monthly bill of \$13.13 per month per light installed, and that there would be no up-front cost to the county for any poles, wires, or transformers needed to accommodate the lights. Mr. Emerson also presented a list of street lights that the county pays for which is a little over \$400 a month.

On motion (24-280) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the placement of street lights in Opolis and Prairieview subdivision as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson mentioned Mr. Mike Bodensteiner will be coming to speak on Tuesday to present amended MOUs. He mentioned we have seen these before but that they need updated because of a date change from July 1, 2024 to November 1, 2024. Mr. Emerson provided a sample to the Commissioners that he wants them to see before Mr. Bodensteiner presents. Mr. Emerson mentioned they also have a new MOU with SEKCAP that he is still working on. Commissioner Wood stated he and his wife attended the Sonshine opening and that it is looking really good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (24-281) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 land acquisition and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:20 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:17 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 18, 2024- 9:00 AM Budget work session.

Item Two: June 18, 2024- Ms. Terri Harley with Girard Historical Society presenting a historical marker to the Crawford County Courthouse.

Item Three: June 18, 2024- 10:00 AM Mr. Mike Bodensteiner presenting amended MOU and SEKCAP MOU.

Item Four: June 21, 2024- 9:00 AM Budget work session.

Item Five: June 25, 2024- 8:45 AM Work session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA.

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Item Six: June 25, 2024- 10:00 AM Public hearing on Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas.

Item Seven: June 28, 2024- 9:00 AM Work session with consultant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 20, 2024- 12:00 PM Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Annual General Commission Meeting in Chanute. One or more Commissioner may be in attendance.

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 [June 14, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:19 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.

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 06/17/24 9:00 AM/amended BKW 6/18/24 9:00 AM