

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, June 21, 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 (24-285) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 18, 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	282	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 14, 2024 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 630078 to 630325 in the total amount of \$407,991.92
Motion 24	283	To approve the language update in the Large Childcare MOUs changing the deadline from July 1, 2024 to November 1, 2024
Motion 24	284	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel

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		to discuss the Road and Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:51 AM
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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: Ms. Terri Harley addressed the Commissioners. She presented the Commissioners with a historical marker from the Girard Historical Society. Ms. Harley gave some details from the Museum and the markers they are presenting to different places. Commissioner Wood asked where she preferred to be placed and Ms. Harley stated they typically place them on the building. Commissioner Wood asked when the museum is open to the public and Ms. Harley answered they are open on Tuesday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Item Two: Ms. Becky Willard addressed the Commissioners. She stated she is just checking in to see where they are with the Comprehensive Plan and the consultant. Commissioner Wood stated they are still in the process of choosing a consultant and County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned there is a work session with a consultant on June 28th. Ms. Willard stated she has a phone number and a name IF someone who five or six other counties have used as a consultant and Mr. Emerson mentioned they will take the information. She mentioned she feels like her group can help put something together with the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Blair asked if the current Comprehensive Plan is on the website and Mr. Emerson answered he is not sure if it is on the website but that Zoning Administrator May Smith has the current plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed scheduling with the budget work sessions. He mentioned there have been changes made and provided the Commissioners with a copy of the new schedule. Commissioner Wood asked about the work session with the consultant and Mr. Emerson explained.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed the budget. County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned the deadline for the budget is between August 20th and September 20th, but that she has to know if the county is exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate by August 10th. Commissioner Wood asked about the mill rate and Ms. Lusker explained. Mr. Emerson explained process of exceeding a Revenue Neutral Rate. He provided the Commissioners with information from their budget work session this morning which was a request from RJA requesting \$30,000 for an evidence-based prevention and intervention for vaping and substance abuse. Mr. Emerson mentioned this program has been reviewed by the Attorney General and that it is approved to qualify to use the opioid funding. Mr.

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Emerson mentioned there is currently \$124,000 available in this fund. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Emerson covered that this is not money from tax payers and Mr. Emerson confirmed this is not money from tax payers and is money from opioid settlements.

On motion (24-286) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the request from RJA for \$30,000 from the opioid settlement funds for vaping and substance abuse prevention and intervention programs.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood asked about a work session with the three Commissioners, Mr. Emerson, and Zoning Administrator May Smith in regards to the nuisance bill that is effective July 1, 2024. Mr. Emerson stated he will get in to contact with Ms. Smith and set up a work session.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair mentioned the meeting he attended yesterday. He said that he will be getting in contact with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti in regards to the Safe Streets For All grant that is available.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed the ARPA update for Large Childcare Projects. He mentioned there is a tentative date for July 23, 2024 to have the recipients come and give an update on their projects. The Commissioners agreed this date should be fine at this time.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody mentioned the Fourth of July holiday and possibly giving county employees the following Friday off of work. Commissioner Wood mentioned there was just a day off and that work does need to get done and that they need to revisit the days off in the county. Commissioner Moody mentioned he thought it may be something nice to do. Commissioner Blair mentioned when we received ARPA funding there were no bonuses given so he believes some days off are not an issue.

On motion (23-287) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the closing of the Crawford County Courthouse on Friday July 5, 2024.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Blair

Nays: Commissioner Wood

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Three: Commissioner Wood mentioned he would like an executive session at some time about the APRA Large Child Care projects. He mentioned he wants some clarification on the ARPA funding because he did not believe the ARPA funding could be used to build child care facilities from the ground up. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson to get some clarification on this information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (24-288) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss RPC meeting and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-289) 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 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 11:11 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 10:51 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:11 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (24-290) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship to discuss Juvenile Detention Center and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:27 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:26 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

Item Two: June 25, 2024- 9:00 AM Budget work session.

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

Item Three: June 28, 2024 – 8:30 AM Work session to sign June bills and payroll vouchers.

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

Item Five: July 23, 2023 – ARPA Large Child Care updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [June 21, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:28 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.

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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



This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken RJA 06/24/24 9:30 AM/amended BKW 6/24/24 11:30 AM](#)