

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2024, FORTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Tuesday, June 4, 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 (24-262) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 31, 2024** 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 24	259	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 28, 2024 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 24	260	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 KDOT HRRR and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:43 AM

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Motion 24	261	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 zoning and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Zoning Administrator May Smith, and to reconvene by 10:53 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

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the May 2024 Clerk's report. She provided the Commissioners with a copy and explained the report. She also presented the Commissioners a copy of the April 2024 to May 2024 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison

On motion (24-263) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the May 2024 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker stated she would like to begin scheduling budget work sessions with department heads so that they can get these done and then have a meeting this month for the overall county budget. She mentioned this is earlier than normal but that it will give them more time to get things figured out. Commissioner Blair asked if they are normally thirty minute meetings and Commissioner Moody confirmed and stated they could try to do 2 work sessions per day on Tuesdays and Fridays. Ms. Lusker stated she will have Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan send out forms and begin these meetings on June 11.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the City of Girard Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. He gave the Commissioners a copy and explained that the first plan was adopted back in 2014 for 10 years so this would be a 10 year renewal. Mr. Emerson gave some details about the plan. Commissioner Wood asked if they use this plan much and Mr. Emerson mentioned that is not something he can answer at this time but he knows of a few properties that use this plan. He pointed out page 4 with the map of eligible areas. Commissioner Moody asked why it does not include the entire town and

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Mr. Emerson mentioned it is a decision made by the City of Girard. Mr. Emerson corrected himself and mentioned the map actually shows areas excluded from the plan.

On motion (24-264) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the City of Girard Neighborhood Revitalization Plan including an interlocal agreement between the City of Girard, Crawford County, and USD 248, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated he has numbers on fuel tanks they have at the first district area to consider pouring concrete. He mentioned he forgot the paper and will bring it with him next week. Commissioner Blair stated they have some updates that need done.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody discussed the tire collection days and asked about some of the details. Commissioner Wood stated that they decided on no tires with rims at all.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood stated he would like to get a work session with Director of Maintenance Robert Gorentz. He asked if they could do this on Tuesday and Commissioner Blair said as long as they do not schedule budget work sessions that day. Commissioner Moody stated to just move the starting of budget work sessions to next Friday and do this work session on Tuesday. Commissioner Wood asked for it to be scheduled at 9:30 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair asked about the consultant references and asked Mr. Emerson when he will have something for them to make a decision. Mr. Emerson stated he is hoping by Friday he will have something to present to the Commissioners.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody mentioned they ordered a dump truck several months ago and have heard nothing. He asked Mr. Emerson if he could call and check in on this and he stated that he will.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody mentioned Road and Bridge is laying pug rock on sugar creek road today and asked everyone to be patient as the outcome will be better.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood mentioned the pickup truck that he and Commissioner Blair discussed Friday. He said that they decided to let Road Foreman Dale Shireman use this truck and not to list it on Purple Wave and Commissioner Blair stated he did tell Mr. Shireman he could use the truck. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair stated they would like to see a list of the things going on Purple Wave before that is done.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (24-265) 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 early retirement program and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 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 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:40 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (24-266) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Road and Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson, and to reconvene by 10:54 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 10:44 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:54 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 7, 2024 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Director of RJA Angie Hadley and Program Director Heidi Moody.

Item Two: June 11, 2024- 9:00 AM Work Session with Director of Maintenance Robert Gorentz regarding 2025 budget.

Item Three: June 11, 2024- 9:30 AM Work Session with Director of Maintenance Robert Gorentz regarding projects.

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Item Four: June 14, 2024 -- Representative from American Red Cross giving a presentation.

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 [May 31, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:55 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 6/6/24 10:00 AM/amended BKW 6/6/24 12:05 PM