

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2024, [THIRTY-EIGHTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, May 24, 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 Tom Moody and Bruce Blair 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 (24-251)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 21, 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	246	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 17, 2024 minutes
Motion 24	247	To open the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley in Jewell Center Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	248	To close the Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley in Jewell Center Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 24	249	To adopt Resolution #2024-009, A Resolution on Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley in Jewell Center Subdivision, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 24	250	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street and Alley located in the Town of Croweburg, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for June 25, 2024 at 10:00 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 mentioned she attended a budget workshop yesterday and that she would like to go over budgets earlier this year. She is hoping by June 1<sup>st</sup> she will have received information from all department heads and that they can begin discussing budgets after that.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned the Commissioners had a work session this morning with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan in regards to ARPA funding. He presented an ARPA drawdown request for May. Mr. Emerson explained there was a request from City of Mulberry in the amount of \$20,427.63 for equipment and they have \$5,031.11 remaining, a request from Rural Water District #1 in the amount of \$500 with a remaining amount of \$2,215.72, and a public health request from EMS for training in the amount of \$20,278.90 with a remaining amount of \$122,477.88. Commissioner Moody asked what the deadline was that was given to the cities/entities to have this money spent by and Mr. Emerson stated the deadline is December 31, 2026 but he is hopeful that some projects will be completed before the end of this year. He also stated money needs to be obligated to projects by December 31, 2024.

**On motion (24-252)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the May ARPA drawdown request as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair asked if they are changing the Road and Bridge work day and Commissioner Wood stated that yes they are changing the work day hours. Commissioner Wood stated the work day will be from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM through Labor day in which the work day will return to 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair mentioned there has been some changes with the CDL test but that he will bring the information on this next week. Commissioner Wood mentioned he attended a meeting Wednesday that discussed some of the CDL changes.

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**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody mentioned that the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Road Crew began working on 210<sup>th</sup> Street . He mentioned several different projects are being done on this road at this time so he cautioned people traveling on 210<sup>th</sup> to be careful.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Wood discussed the meeting Wednesday with CTECH. He discussed some details from the meeting.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Wood mentioned he would like to have a street light placed on 530<sup>th</sup> and also on 260<sup>th</sup> and Opolis road. Mr. Emerson stated they will get in touch with the person who needs to go look at the location and type of light desired and they will contact him back with the information. Commissioner Moody asked how the cost works on this project and Mr. Emerson stated its typically a price per light per month.

**Item Eight:** Commissioner Wood mentioned he spoke with Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Crozier about a unit that went out at the Homer Cole Center. He said he would like to go with Mr. Crozier to look and see what the issue is.

**Item Nine:** Commissioner Wood stated he will be attending a meeting about Planned Parenthood at St. Mary's Colgan at 6:00 PM and that more than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson discussed the request from Hepler for some wind farm money. Mr. Emerson mentioned the county has received money from the wind farm for years 2021-2023 in the amount of \$379,688 and that the amount of money spent from this total is \$60,170 for a few different requests mostly sewer. Mr. Emerson mentioned this money is kept in the Operating Reserve Fund. Commissioner Blair stated during the negotiation of the wind farm they did mention they would try to keep the money in the Hepler area to help with requests. Commissioner Moody asked how much Hepler is asking for and Commissioner Blair stated they are asking for \$35,700 for a fire truck. Commissioner Wood stated he does not like to pin point that the money should only go to help one area. Commissioner Blair explained that was part of the agreement and negotiation with Hepler. Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Blair had a discussion about the money that comes from Kansas Crossing Casino and the district the Casino is located in. Commissioner Wood stated he would like to know who changed the district boundaries. Commissioner Moody stated they should look at the agreement made with Hepler and readdress this at a later time. Mr. Emerson explained other equipment has been purchased with this money and that it has not only been used on Hepler, but that when Hepler presents a request they do try to consider the request.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated they'll need to figure out the landfill situation soon. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Blair discussed ditching and some issues presented by a gas line. Commissioner Wood asked if they will spread lime on hot spots and stated that the county can haul the lime and save money.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**Item One:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (24-253)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss HRRR grants and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:54 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 10:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:46 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**On motion (24-254)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open session for a period of 10 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (24-255)** 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 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins, and to reconvene by 11:36 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 11:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: May 28, 2024-** 9:00 AM Work session with CVB Director Dave Looby.

**Item Two: May 28, 2024** – Mr. Dick Horton, Dick Horton Consulting, discussing Zoning Comprehensive Plan.

**Item Three: May 31, 2024 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to sign May 2024 bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Four: May 31, 2024** – Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Crawford County Conservation District Mr. Mark Lehman addressing the 2025 Conservation District Budget.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: May 27, 2024** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

## UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [May 24, 2024](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:36 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.**

**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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken RJA 5/24/2024 12:00 PM/amended BKW 5/24/24 2:30 PM