

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, [SEVENTY-NINETH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, November 04, 2025 at 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Carl Wood were in attendance.

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

Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (25-454) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 31, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

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 25	444	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 28, 2025 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 25	445	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Health Department pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Sheriff Billy Tomasi, Undersheriff Jason VanBecelaere, Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and Nurse Practitioner Kayla Crowell attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:57 AM. The Motion passed 3-0

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Motion 25	446	To approve the transfer of \$36,039.48 from EMS Reserve and \$13,215.04 from ARPA Training to EMS
Motion 25	447	To grant the Right-Of-Way Easement to City of Girard
Motion 25	448	To approve the Quit Claim Deed as presented authorizing the chairman to sign
Motion 25	449	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding budget which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:19 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	450	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding the zoning board which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:29 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	451	To approve the contract with B&B Bridge as presented and authorizing the county match of \$9,000.00
Motion 25	452	To authorize a \$20.00 per meeting travel stipend for the Planning and Zoning Board members beginning October 1, 2025 through the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan process
Motion 25	453	To cancel the open meeting on Friday, November 7th, 2025

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. Becky Willard addressed the Commissioners. She asked if they have a timeline for extending the moratorium. Commissioner Moody stated he is not sure they have discussed this yet and County Counselor Jim Emerson stated it has been brought up a couple of times in open meeting but that in his mind it will be discussed after the public hearing on the land annexation request. Ms. Willard asked if there will be time with the holidays and closed days coming up and Mr. Emerson confirmed there will be time.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the October 2025 Clerk's Report. She explained the report to the Commissioners.

On motion (25-455) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the October 2025 Clerk's Report as presented.

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On a Roll Call vote

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker stated today is Election Day and encouraged the public to go out and vote. She mentioned the polling locations are open until 7:00 PM. Commissioner Blair asked how many polling locations are open and Ms. Lusker answered thirteen polling locations are open today. Ms. Lusker stated if anyone has a question of where their polling place is located to call the Clerk's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-456) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss EMS pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and EMS Billing Supervisor Jill Warford attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:31 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:11 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:31 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Courthouse Maintenance Aaron Crozier requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-457) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees job performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Clerk Lisa Lusker, and Courthouse Maintenance Aaron Crozier attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:47 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a portion of county road located between Sections 14 and 23, Township 28 South, Range 25 East, Crawford County, Kansas. He explained the location of the street and details of the vacate. Mr. Emerson stated the public hearing will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Wood asked about the location and Mr. Emerson explained.

On motion (25-458) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a portion of county road located between Sections 14 and 23, Township 28 South, Range 25 East, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with more email comments that the county has received regarding the proposed land annexation. He stated he wanted to make sure the Commissioners got these today since this is the last meeting before the public hearing on November 13th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item Three: 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 (25-459) of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding an easement which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 11:04 A.M. The motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:49 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (25-460) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Road and Bridge pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:13 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 14, 2025- 9:00 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2025 General Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Two: November 14, 2025- Ms. Jasmine Kyle and Ms. Sabina Brackett with SEK Humane Society discussing funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 4, 2025 – 2025 General Election Day. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Item Two: November 7, 2025- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

Item Three: November 11, 2025- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.

Item Four: November 11, 2025- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

Item Five: November 13, 2025- 5:30 PM Public Hearing to discuss land annexation request from the City of Mulberry located in the courtroom on the 3rd floor of the courthouse.

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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 [November 04, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:14 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

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 11/12/25 12:00 PM/Amended BKW 11/13/25 9:00 AM](#)