

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, [NINETIETH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, December 30, 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.

Commissioner 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 (25-535) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 23, 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	524	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 19, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	525	To approve the contract between Crawford County and Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 25	526	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: C & B Investments "Chicken Annies

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		Girard” PREMISES: 498 E 47 Hwy, Girard, Kansas 66743(For consumption on the premises)
Motion 25	527	To approve the payment of 2026 dues to Kansas Association of Counties in the total amount of \$8,640.53
Motion 25	528	To accept the worker’s compensation bid from KWORCC in the amount of \$222,219.00
Motion 25	529	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding EMS 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins present. The open meeting will resume at 10:49 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	530	To recess the open meeting for a period of 5 minutes
Motion 25	531	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss IT Department pursuant to the matters relating to security measures, if the discussion of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect a public body or agency, public building or facility or the information system of a public body or agency exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12)(C), and to include the County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and IT Director Brandon Spaur. The open meeting will resume at 11:15 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	532	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 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 Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:25 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	533	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss individual 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, and Mr. Kenny Yoakum attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 12:06 PM. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	534	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 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, and Mr. Kenny Yoakum attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 12:22 PM. The Motion passed 3-0

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

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**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Item One: IT Director Brandon Spaur addressed the Commissioners. He stated he is going to present the Commissioners with a contract that they renew every year with VMware. Mr. Spaur explained there has been a price increase this year making the total amount \$13,680.00 and mentioned the price has increased because VMware was bought out by a larger company. Mr. Spaur did state that the support with the company has gotten better which is a positive, but that they will be looking to get away from VMware. He explained this contract will get the county through the 2026 year, but explained servers will need to be replaced in 2027 and that he does not have a definite cost for this but that it will be around \$40,000.00. Commissioner Moody asked if Mr. Spaur feels comfortable with that and Mr. Spaur confirmed that he does and that it is a high end estimate. Mr. Spaur explained why this costs significantly less than it does for the City of Pittsburg. Commissioner Wood asked what additional services the county is getting when the price of this service has jumped around \$12,000.00 and Mr. Spaur explained. Commissioner Wood asked if this is a contract we have to renew and Mr. Spaur explained if they do not sign it by January 1st they lose support from VMware. Commissioner Wood asked what support VMware provides and Mr. Spaur explained. Commissioner Wood asked about video storage and Mr. Spaur explained. Mr. Spaur explained this did not receive this quote until late November and it is unfortunately a necessary evil. Commissioner Blair asked if the renewal fee for the software that Mr. Spaur is looking in to will be significantly less and Mr. Spaur explained. Mr. Spaur stated VMware is great but that he just does not like the price increase and also that they are pushing for cloud storage. He briefly explained the cloud. Commissioner Wood asked if they could combine the systems for all departments and Mr. Spaur explained it could be done but that there is risk involved with the combination and that having them separated is better for security purposes.

On motion (25-536) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the quote from VMware for maintenance renewal in the total amount of \$13,680.00 and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Wood asked County Counselor Jim Emerson where the funds for this come from and Mr. Emerson explained it comes from County General Miscellaneous funds. Mr. Spaur stated once he meets with the different department heads he will come discuss with the Commissioners about the future plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: Communications Director Tim Mikrut requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-537) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual 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, and Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:41 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 10:26 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated she has three 2026 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses to present. She explained the first is for Jo's 1 Stop and is not for consumption on the premises. She stated there were no objections. Ms. Lusker stated the next two are for Pichler's Chicken Annie's for consumption on premises and not for consumption on premises and no objections for these as well.

On motion (25-538) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair 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: Jo's One Stop LLC

PREMISES: 401 N 69 Hwy Arma, KS 66712

(Not for consumption on the premises)

APPLICANT: Pichler's Chicken Annie's

PREMISES: 1271 S 220th St Pittsburg, KS 66762

(For consumption on the premises)

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(Not for consumption on the premises)

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker asked the Commissioners about reorganization. She explained normally this is done on a Monday if new officers are being sworn in but since it is just the county officials she asked if Tuesday, January 6th or Tuesday, January 13th be better for them. Commissioners agreed on Tuesday, January 6th at 10:00 AM for reorganization.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson brought up transfer of funds to EMS. He explained he received information this morning that the ambulance account is negative \$79,476.04 due to payroll for December being processed. He explained to clean up books for the year they need an additional transfer of \$100,000.00 for the ambulance department which he recommends to come from Operating Reserve Fund and County General Fund at \$50,000.00 each. Mr. Emerson explained the amount of funds in the Operating Reserve Fund and County General Fund. He discussed the Risk Management Fund and stated he would rather not touch this account at this time. Commissioner Wood asked about the County General Fund and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Wood asked what they are going to do for January and February for EMS and Mr. Emerson explained they will receive daily deposits as well as their first distribution of tax revenue in mid-January. Commissioner Wood asked where that comes from and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Wood asked if they are going to use 2026 money to pay for expenses that occurred in 2025 and Mr. Emerson explained they are going to have to. Commissioner Wood stated there are some budgets that need to be taken and worked on hard.

On motion (25-539) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the transfer of funds from Operating Reserve Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 and County General Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to EMS.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson provided the Commissioners with information regarding the Risk Management Fund. He discussed that even after the previous transfer of funds there is still a healthy balance in this account. Commissioner Blair asked about the stop loss and Mr. Emerson stated Bukaty will attend a meeting for a year end update.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson mentioned he had a request from Director of Restorative Justice Authority Angie Hadley for an appointment to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB). Mr. Emerson stated the appointment is for Judge John G. Mazurek to serve as the Judiciary representative on JCAB.

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On motion (25-540) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the appointment of Judge John G. Mazurek as the Judiciary representative to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB) effective immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Wood, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Mr. Emerson stated they received a packet of information from KWORCC. He explained he would like to discuss by-laws first. Mr. Emerson discussed the by-laws with the Commissioners. Mr. Emerson discussed the Board of Trustees with KWORCC. Commissioner Wood asked if the county pays them at one time or quarterly and Mr. Emerson answered at one time. Mr. Emerson continued discussing by laws. Mr. Emerson presented resolution #2025-037 and explained the resolution. Commissioner Wood asked if we have Traveler's Insurance for worker's compensation right now who will handle the already occurring claims once the county switches to KWORCC and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Blair asked if they will have to get additional information from Ryan Insurance for the claims in 2025 and Mr. Emerson answered. Commissioner Wood stated what he likes about this is the safety training that KWORCC provides. He stated he wants to be contacted and be a part of the safety trainings that will take place.

On motion (25-541) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2025-037, a resolution to participate in and form a county self-insurance pool for workers compensation coverage through Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC).

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Wood asked if services with KWORCC begin January 1, 2026 and when do they need to cut a check and Mr. Emerson stated he will have the fiscal office contact KWORCC.

Item Seven: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with an updated ARPA funding sheet and that the Commissioners can now see where they are at for the end of the year. He explained a year end report is due in March 2026. Mr. Emerson discussed this information. Commissioner Moody stated he drove by the Sugar Creek project and that they are making good progress.

Item Eight: Mr. Emerson stated he received an email from Mr. Wally Wilson with Ryan Insurance and that he will be present at the meeting on January 9th to discuss property/casualty insurance. Commissioner Wood asked if their policy expires January 14th and Mr. Emerson confirmed.

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Item Nine: Commissioner Blair stated they are making progress on the building next to District #1's shop. He stated he is assuming within the next couple of weeks weather permitting it will be looking a lot different.

Item Ten: Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if he can contact the attorneys in Wichita on when the tax sale is going to be. He stated people are getting stirred about it.

Item Eleven: Commissioner Wood asked if the discussion regarding a policy in bringing infants to work can be put on the agenda for Friday. He stated they need to discuss this to see if they can adopt a policy. Commissioner Moody asked what they have on the agenda for Friday and Mr. Emerson answered all that is on there is Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons discussing burn bans. Commissioner Wood stated speaking of burn bans and that people really like the alerts. Commissioner Moody stated he will not be present Friday and Commissioner Wood stated he would like Commissioner Moody to be present for this discussion so he asked if it could be listed for Tuesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated he just wants the public to know all the information for tax sale has been sent to the attorneys regarding the tax sale and that the hang up is not on the county. Commissioner Wood asked how many parcels roughly does he think they have and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Wood asked about the guidelines and Mr. Emerson answered.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims between Crawford County and David J Looby.

On motion (25-542) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims between Crawford County and David J Looby and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood discussed the issue of trash on 69 Hwy around 700th Ave. Commissioner Blair stated he is going to contact KDOT to see if they can work out a long term fix for this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (25-543) 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 budgets which would be deemed privileged in the

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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 11:32 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.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:17 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 6, 2026 – 8:30 AM Work Session to sign December bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: January 6, 2026 – Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganizational Meeting.

Item Three: January 6, 2026 – Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons discussing burn bans.

Item Four: January 6, 2026 - Chief Judge Kurtis Loy and 11th Judicial District Court Administrator Mac Young discussing Recovery Court and 11th Judicial District.

Item Five: January 9, 2026- Mr. Wally Wilson from Ryan Insurance discussing Property/Casualty insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 31, 2025– The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM due to the year-end audit and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Courthouse and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will be closed all day. The Register of Deeds Office will be open until 10:00 AM but no recordings will be done due to software updates.

Item Two: January 1, 2026- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the New Year Holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [December 30, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:37 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

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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 12/30/25 10:30 AM/taken BKW 12/30/25 2:00 PM