

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2026, SEVENTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. Friday, February 27, 2026 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Carl Wood and Tom Moody were in attendance.

Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion (26-093)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 24, 2026 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

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 26	86	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 20, 2026 minutes
Motion 26	87	To adopt Resolution #2026-009, a Resolution regarding the cleanup of the property located in Crawford County, Kansas, and providing for cooperation with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in achieving said cleanup
Motion 26	88	To approve the Restorative Justice Authority Fiscal Year 2027 Comprehensive Plan and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 26	89	To approve the funding of \$5,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund to the Heritage Hall Museum in Frontenac

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Motion 26	90	To approve the corrected ARPA signature sheet as presented
Motion 26	91	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Maintenance Department regarding 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:55 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	92	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:10 AM. The Motion passed 3-0

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Noxious Weeds Director Tommy Scales requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (26-094)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody 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, and Noxious Weeds Director Tommy Scales attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:20 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 10:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### 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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented the annual Noxious Weeds Management Plan for 2026. He explained this is required to be approved by the Commissioners and sent to the

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State of Kansas. Mr. Emerson also presented the annual Noxious Weeds Eradication Progress Report for 2026. He explained what this report includes.

**On motion (26-095)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2026 Noxious Weeds Eradication Progress Report and the 2026 Noxious Weeds Management Plan as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood discussed the tractor that was purchased last year and that they are wanting to get the extended warranty purchased for this. He provided some details regarding the warranty and stated they will have to move on this in the next week. Commissioner Moody asked what Shop Foreman Josh Peak recommended and Commissioner Wood stated Mr. Peak recommended the 60 month rather than the 48 month and explained why. Commissioner Wood also stated if they want to do extended warranty on the skid loaders they will need to do that before 2026 is over so they have time on those. Commissioner Blair stated when he spoke with Mr. Peak he understood that if they wait longer to get the extended warranty it would cost more money.

**On motion (26-096)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the purchase of the extended warranty on the 6110M tractor.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson stated he has had a couple of conversations regarding the trash on the roads. He stated he had a nice meeting with Mr. Matt Sanders who had representatives from KDOT visit with him. He stated they are currently working on a plan to do the Adopt a Highway program to get this cleaned up. Mr. Emerson stated he also contacted Mr. Chet Hyatt about getting the Solid Waste Committee together with KDOT, the landfill, and hopefully KDHE to talk about the trash on 69 Highway. He mentioned the State also still has solid waste grants that are due in May so he has County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti looking in to those grants to possibly purchase a bailer but he believes it is a 45% match requirement. Mr. Emerson stated he is going to keep working on this. Commissioner Wood stated they should not purchase the bailer and that it should be on the State and the landfill. He also stated he just does not think they have the money to spend. Commissioner Moody asked if there is any way they could influence KDOT to hopefully pay more attention to that specific area. Mr. Emerson stated he is hoping that it part of the solution and that he is not suggesting the county puts up the match funds but that he is just trying to keep all options open and moving in a positive direction.

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**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson where he is at with the per diem policy because he thought they were going to discuss this today. Mr. Emerson stated he has the policy completed but that he has it sent out to a department who had questions regarding the policy and once he hears back from them he will be able to present. Commissioner Wood stated he also saw the other night that Arkansas or Oklahoma is doing the same policy as Crawford County regarding infant care and he thought it was a good deal.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair asked Mr. Emerson for an update on the Planning and Zoning meetings coming up. Mr. Emerson stated the first public hearing is on March 5th at 5:30 located at the Girard Civic Center. He stated it is his understanding that March 6th Shasta Power will be back in attendance at the Commission meeting. Mr. Emerson stated there will be a second public hearing on March 26th at 5:30 PM located on the 3rd floor of the Crawford County Courthouse. Commissioner Wood asked if the public can speak at the meeting on March 5th and Mr. Emerson confirmed. Commissioner Blair asked if the documents that will be available are up on the website and Mr. Emerson stated he is unsure. Commissioner Blair stated he will contact Zoning Administrator May Smith to find out. Mr. Emerson checked and stated the information is posted online and is the first thing on the website. Commissioner Blair confirmed that Commissioners can attend the meeting but not for interaction and Mr. Emerson stated they are allowed to attend but his advice is to not comment. Commissioner Wood asked why they cannot have the first meeting on the 3rd floor and Mr. Emerson explained he was not involved with that decision. Commissioner Wood asked if this will be livestreamed and Mr. Emerson stated he believes they were working on getting this available by livestream.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED**

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

**On motion (26-097)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss individual employees regarding EMS, Maintenance Department, and Explore Crawford County 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 11:07 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 10:37 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:01 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

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**On motion (26-098)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss LEPP 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 Zoning Administrator May Smith attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:22 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:02 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:19 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**On motion (26-099)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess the open meeting for a period of 15 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (26-100)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss LEPP 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 Environmental Sanitarian Bill Towery attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:53 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:52 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

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**Item One: March 03, 2026- 9:30 AM** Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith to discuss RHID.

**Item Two: March 03, 2026- 11<sup>th</sup>** Judicial District Court Administrator Mac Young discussing Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2027 Comprehensive Plan.

**Item Three: March 05, 2026- 5:30 PM** Planning and Zoning Public Hearing located at the Girard Civic Center at 102 N Ozark St Girard, KS. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

**Item Four: March 06, 2026-** Opening of culvert bids.

**Item Five: March 06, 2026-** Opening of mowing bids.

**Item Six: March 06, 2026- 10:00 AM** Public Hearing to Vacate a road located in Martin Kane's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition in the City of Arma, Kansas.

**Item Seven: March 06, 2026-** Mr. John Copyak with Shasta Power discussing solar project.

**Item Eight: March 10, 2026-** Zoning Administrator May Smith presenting a subdivision.

### OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood asked about the dust control bids listed under Pending Agenda Items and stated he will discuss these with Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards. Mr. Emerson did state the bids had two options where the company runs it or the county runs it.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody stated he had a call from a probable bidder for mowing and that he had mentioned the EMS Department in Girard was not listed and Mr. Emerson confirmed that is being handled by the county.

### 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 [February 27, 2026](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:54 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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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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**Randi Ryan**

Director of Fiscal Services

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

[Taken RJA 3/02/2026 10:50 AM/amended BKW 3/2/2026 11:40 AM](#)