

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **EIGHTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, November 21, 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 (25-481) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 18, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

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	476	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 14, 2025 minutes, and Approval of the November 14, 2025 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 641427 to 641728 dated November 14, 2025 in the total amount of \$733,931.74
Motion 25	477	To adopt Resolution #2025-032, a Resolution denying annexation of certain land described herein pursuant to K.S.A. 12-520c, as it will hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located within Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 25	478	To recess the open meeting for a period of 10 minutes
Motion 25	479	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss exit interview 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 Ms. Alicia Shoemaker attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:37 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	480	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding bids 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 12:01 P.M. The motion passed 3-0

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 THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Ray Huff addressed the Commissioners. He stated he is speaking on behalf of the Crawford County Coalition Against Wind and Solar as well as other concerned citizens. Mr. Huff discussed the moratorium ending in December and with holidays coming up they would like to go ahead and ask for another full year extension as the Comprehensive Plan has not been completed yet. Commissioner Moody stated he is not prepared to do this today and Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson what they will need to do to extend the moratorium. Mr. Emerson stated he would need to prepare a resolution and that he will need to visit with Mr. Joshua Albin regarding the timing of the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Wood asked if we could have this done by December 5th and Mr. Emerson stated he would assume so as he is going to contact Mr. Albin today and that they should be able to get this completed. Commissioner Blair stated there is no doubt they will extend the moratorium but that it will be based off of Mr. Albin's timeline. Commissioner Wood mentioned everyone wants to discuss wind and solar but that we have other problems as well and Commissioner Blair stated he believes the moratorium is just for wind and solar. Commissioner Wood asked for clarification on the moratorium and Mr. Emerson explained specific topics were covered in the moratorium. Mr. Huff asked in regards to discussing with Mr. Albin about his timeline, would he also contact the Planning and Zoning Board regarding their timeline as well and Mr. Emerson confirmed he will speak Zoning Administrator May Smith. Mr. Huff asked if the December 5th meeting will be the meeting they decide and Mr. Emerson stated it could be.

Item Two: Ms. Leslie Lackamp with Mosaic addressed the Commissioners. She expressed that they are appreciative of the support they receive with this county mill funding. Ms. Rosie West from New Hope Services addressed the Commissioners. She expressed their appreciation for the support the Commissioners give as well as the

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Community. Mr. Bob Davis from Class LTD addressed the Commissioners. He reiterated what Ms. Lackamp and Ms. West said in the means of appreciating the support they receive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-482) 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 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 EMS Director Randy Sandberg attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:27 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 10:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:27 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented a 2026 CMB License. She stated the applicant is Pete's of Erie #1. She stated she believes this store is in Cherokee. Ms. Lusker stated all officials have been notified and there were no objections. Commissioner Wood stated Pete's is in Cherokee County. Commissioner Moody stated they can approve it and if it is incorrect it is not their issue. Ms. Lusker offered to go look up the information and bring it back to the Commissioners. Mr. Emerson stated they could have a city in two counties. Commissioner Blair stated he is seeing that it is in Cherokee County. Commissioner Moody stated they will move on with new business while Ms. Lusker gathers this information.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson mentioned a request from the County Appraiser for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss individual employees under nonelected personnel for 15 minutes.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated he knows asphaltting is completed but that City of Girard has a couple areas they are fixing and they have reached out to the county road and bridge to see if they can help them if the city pays for the material. Commissioner Blair stated as long as they get their portion done and can find asphalt they agreed to patch the areas for them. Commissioner Moody asked if the city is going to get their own

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asphalt and Commissioner Blair stated road and bridge may haul it but as long as the city can find it. Commissioner Blair mentioned this was a late request.

Item Four: Ms. Lusker mentioned the Pete's store is in Crawford County and that Mr. Gene Rountree-Garcia is going to print the annexation. She stated this has been approved for several years. Commissioner Moody stated they will approve it and collect the money for it and if it is not in Crawford County they will refund the money and make a motion to rescind the license. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Rountree-Garcia can look at two or three other buildings on the south side of 400 Highway to see if they are also in Crawford County.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood stated they have a solar farm in Crawford County and he would like Mr. Emerson to do some research on it. He stated it is owned by a company that is not located in Crawford County and he wants to know if we receive taxes on this solar farm. Mr. Emerson asked where it is located and Commissioner Wood stated right next to Greenbush. Mr. Emerson stated he will check in to this. Commissioner Blair stated he thought it was Heartland's and Commissioner Wood stated Heartland is who buys the power from it.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC CONTINUED

Item Three: Ms. Becky Willard addressed the Commissioners. She stated the company is called TPI out of Little Rock, Arkansas. She explained Heartland purchased the land but that they have no expense in the solar panels and the transfers. Ms. Willard stated Heartland buys the power back from TPI. She explained what she knows about TPI. Commissioner Wood asked how many megawatts the solar project is and Ms. Willard stated they claim it is one megawatt for the 6 acres. Ms. Willard provided the Commissioners with more information about TPI. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson to see if the county is receiving sales tax and property tax.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Six: Commissioner Wood stated he would like Health Department Director present on December 2nd or December 5th for a work session.

Item Seven: Ms. Lusker stated the Pete's of Erie Inc. "Pete's #01" is located in McCune not in Cherokee like she had originally stated. She explained this has been approved yearly since 2019 at the least.

On motion (25-483) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood 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.

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APPLICANT: Pete's of Erie Inc. "Pete's #01"

PREMISES: 1100 W Hwy 400, Mc Cune, KS 66753

(For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Eight: Ms. Lusker stated Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan has requested a 10 minute work session to discuss ARPA on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Commissioner Wood stated he will not be present Tuesday and asked if this has to be completed that day or if it could be moved to another day and Ms. Lusker explained it has to be done because Ms. Ryan needs to mail the checks out by December 1st. Ms. Lusker stated she will have Ms. Ryan send the information to Commissioner Wood. Commissioners agreed to November 25, 2025 at 9:45 AM.

Item Nine: Ms. Lusker stated she has an annual invoice received from CIC, the tax software the county uses, and that it is \$31,385.00 but that it is only up a little from last year. She explained the amount due last year was \$30,190. Commissioner Wood asked if we are still satisfied with this program and Ms. Lusker stated at this time they are but that they also do not have a lot of software to choose from. Mr. Emerson mentioned he has heard from other counties who have tried switching software and that it has been a nightmare. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson a question regarding software system and Mr. Emerson stated he would need to ask IT Director Brandon Spaur.

On motion (25-484) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to authorize the payment to CIC in the amount of \$31,385.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Item One: County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-485) 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 employee 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 County Appraiser Zach Edwards

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attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:02AM. 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 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated he wanted to make the Commissioners aware they have been working with the SEK Recycling Center on the closure of the HHW program. He mentioned there is a tentative meeting set for December 2, 2025 at 2:30 P.M.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 25, 2025- 9:45 AM Work Session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [November 21, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:57 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 11/24/25 2:25 PM](#)