

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **SIXTY-FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, September 12, 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Carl Wood was in attendance.

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

Vice-Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (25-378) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 09, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 25	377	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 05, 2025 minutes
-----------	-----	---

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

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jasmine Kyle, Director of the Southeast Kansas Humane Society addressed the Commissioners. She explained that the society approached the Pittsburg City Commission and the Pittsburg City Manager about the situation with funding. She stated that in those conversations there were concerns with issues of competition with the city's animal control and she explained how the shelter was not in competition but offer's services that animal control cannot offer. Ms. Kyle said that the Pittsburg City Manager encouraged her to bring the issue back to the County Commissioners to explore a dedicated tax percentage or a funding bracket being created. She spoke about some concerns in wages and explained. She stated that should would like to continue the conversation with the Commissioners to try and work towards a sustainable plan that allows the shelter to continue serving Crawford County's animals and citizens. Ms. Kyle stated that she is willing to answer any questions the Commissioners have on the presentation packet that she had previously presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Blair asked about the tax percentage that the Pittsburg City Manager addressed. Ms. Sabina Brackett, SEK Humane Society Board of Directors' President addressed the Commissioners. She stated that she was not sure what Mr. Hall's suggestion of a tax percentage consisted of. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that a sales tax issue is a voted item and would need to have legislative approval and that would be at least a year process. He gave a brief explanation of the process and stated that it would need to started by the County Commission. Ms. Brackett asked if this is something the Commissioners are willing to do and Commissioner Blair stated that it would be best to be voted on by the citizens of the county but it will need to be researched. Ms. Brackett stated that even if the facility has to close, the board of directors will stay intact and will continue to do fundraisers and take donations until possibly the shelter could open back up with one employee and a few animals and continue building from there. She explained that they are not giving up as this is an organization that is desperately needed in the county. Commissioner Wood questioned the drop in donations from 2020 to 2024 and Ms. Brackett explained. Ms. Kyle and Ms. Brackett discussed fundraisers. Commissioner Wood asked why the society was paying taxes and Ms. Brackett explained. There was a discussion on wages and clarification of wages for the shelter and the "Doggie Bag". Commissioner Wood discussed the interest and dividends listed on the financial statement for the society and Ms. Brackett explained. Commissioner Wood stated that at the current time the county is strapped in order to hold taxes down and asked about private and public donors. Ms. Kyle spoke about the Multi Shared Pathway. Ms. Brackett and Ms. Kyle urged the Commissioners to call them with any questions they have. Ms. Kyle discussed hours of operation for the shelter. Commissioner Blair advised Ms. Brackett and Ms. Kyle to let the Commissioners now if they can help with the issues of state taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (25-379) of Commissioner Blair and second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss legal advice which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), with the County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Sheriff Billy Tomasi, Undersheriff Jason VanBecelaere & Adam Harrison present. The open meeting will resume at 11:00 A.M. The motion passed 2-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the Commissioners with the listing of unclaimed checks for the year 2024. She stated that these checks need to be turned in to the Kansas State Treasurer for unclaimed property. Ms. Lusker explained that all the checks listed are jury duty payments with the exception of one which is a cell phone reimbursement for a former county employee and the fiscal office has been unsuccessful in trying to contact this person. She stated that the fiscal office has made several attempts at contacting the payees of all the checks with no success.

On motion (25-380) of Commissioner Wood and second of Commissioner Blair to approve sending the unclaimed checks issued in 2024 to the Kansas State Treasurer for unclaimed property as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker stated that Community Corrections Administrative Director Mac Young has asked to be put on the agenda on September 16, 2025 to present the Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2025 Outcomes.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that on September 16, 2026 representatives from Enterprise will be attending the meeting to discuss the lease option for the Sheriff's Department vehicles.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson informed the Commissioners that Ryan Insurance has requested a work session on September 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM for a quarterly insurance update. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood presented a list of items he would like to have listed on Purple Wave. He also discussed metal culverts that are no longer used and trying to sell these.

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that 200th Street should be completed today.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 16, 2025- 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Colin Holthaus with KWORC to discuss worker's compensation.

Item Two: September 16, 2025 – Community Corrections Administrative Director Mac Young presenting the Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2025 Outcomes.

Item Three: September 16, 2025 – Representatives from Enterprise discussing lease option for Sheriff's Department Vehicles.

Item Four: September 19, 2025- Mr. Joshua Albin discussing Comprehensive Plan Surveys.

Item Five: September 23, 2025 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Ryan Insurance with a quarterly report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [September 12, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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

◇

This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 9/15/25 12:15 PM](#)