

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, July 11, 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 (25-264) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 08, 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	254	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 01, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	255	To open the Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street located in the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 25	256	To close the Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Street located in the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 25	257	To adopt Resolution #2025-021, a Resolution closing and vacating a portion of Bailey Ave in the Town of Radley and in Girard Coal Company's First Addition to the Town of Radley, Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 25	258	To adopt Resolution #2025-022, a Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as “Terrapin Ridge Estates” and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Rural Residential/Agricultural to Rural Residential for the proposed development
Motion 25	259	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss contracts 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 10:31 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	260	To approve Shop Foreman Josh Peak purchasing asphalt cleaner in the amount of \$1,916.20
Motion 25	261	To award Craw-Kan the Judicial Center Monitoring bid
Motion 25	262	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes 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
Motion 25	263	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss information system 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 11:29 A.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 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Tim Viets addressed the Commissioners. He asked the Commissioners when there can be an end to the Comprehensive Survey. Commissioner Moody explained they are waiting on responses from the survey. Mr. Viets stated he does not believe anyone wants to fill out the survey and that they should just accept the responses they have received. Commissioner Moody discussed advertising and Mr. Emerson explained that the advertising should be taking place. Mr. Viets said that the firm that was hired did not do this advertising in a timely manner. Commissioner Blair stated he spoke with Mr. Joshua Albin regarding this and that Mr. Albin stated he does not see the responses getting much better even after advertising. Mr. Viets discussed a deadline to the survey

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again. Commissioner Blair discussed survey turnout. Commissioner Blair asked the Commissioners if they can get an official opinion from Mr. Albin on when they should have a deadline for these surveys. Mr. Viets stated the issue is that it is killing opportunities for projects if this is drug on. Mr. Viets stated he just wants the Commissioners to decide even if their decision goes against his own opinion. Commissioner Moody stated their intention is not to kick the can down the road. Commissioner Moody mentioned they can reach out to Mr. Albin and get a suggestion. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Emerson has spoken with Mr. Albin this week and Mr. Emerson stated he has not this week. Commissioner Wood asked about the advertising and Mr. Emerson answered. Mr. Viets asked if the firm would be charging more to do the advertising and Mr. Emerson answered it is already in the firm's budget. Mr. Viets asked about the county discussing with solar and wind farms just to see what is offered to the county. Commissioner Wood discussed how the Comprehensive Plan covers more than just wind and solar. Commissioner Wood stated he would just like to hear the opinions of the residents of Crawford County. Mr. Viets mentioned the Commissioners need to vote based off of what is best for the county. Commissioner Blair stated they should be receptive to what wind and solar companies have to say. Mr. Viets asked that they at least open communications with these companies.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mental Health Director Heather McCully addressed the Commissioners. She stated they are here to present a proposal to the Commissioners for the Opioid Funding that Mental Health receives. Clinical Director Eric Thomason addressed the Commissioners and stated his credentials. He discussed the opioid settlement funding and that the proposal can be broken down into two approaches which he explained. Mr. Thomason stated they would cover the entire county with these approaches. Commissioner Moody asked if Naloxone can go bad and Mr. Thomason explained that it can expire but that it can still be effective after its expiration date. Commissioner Blair asked if having expired Naloxone is better than having none at all and Mr. Thomason confirmed. Mr. Thomason mentioned medication assisted treatment. Commissioner Moody asked what the funding is like in the Opioid Funding account and Mr. Emerson answered. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Emerson can get a history of what they have received the last couple years for this account. Mr. Thomason explained he has included goals and objectives that are able to be reported. The Commissioners thanked Ms. McCully and Mr. Thomason and stated they will get back to them regarding this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (25-265) of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes for legal advice pertaining to insurance 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, and Sheriff Billy Tomasi present. The open meeting will resume at 11:00 A.M. The motion passed 3-0.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: GIS Director Kyle Nelson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-266) 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 performance review 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 GIS Director Kyle Nelson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:17 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, 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 11:17 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-267) 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 performance review 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 Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:39 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:19 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:39 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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Item Four: Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-268) 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 performance review 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 Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:55 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-269) 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 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 12:11 PM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:10 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated she would like to set up a work session on Tuesday, July 15 at 9:00 AM with Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz to discuss the storage building. Commissioner Moody asked for it to be at 9:30 AM and the Commissioners, Mr. Emerson, and Ms. Lusker agreed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker stated she would like a work session next Friday, July 18 at 9:00 AM to discuss budgets. The Commissioners agreed.

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Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated he talked to the Mayor of McCune yesterday regarding a culvert. He discussed that some of this road belongs to Crawford County and some does not so the mayor asked if there is any way the county could help with this culvert. Commissioner Blair stated he is sending someone to look at it to see how urgent it is. Commissioner Blair mentioned it is not the county's responsibility but that he is willing to help if the Commissioners agree. Commissioner Wood mentioned having them pay for the material to fix the issue.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair discussed that he was in Chanute for the Regional Planning Committee meeting and that the topic was Safe Streets for All. He mentioned some of the smaller towns needing some work on their roads and that he is hoping for some grant funding to come through. He also stated there was a program called Make My Move that was mentioned and that it is \$12,500 to join. He explained it is similar to the tuition reimbursement and explained the program. Commissioner Blair mentioned that he is supposed to be receiving some additional information regarding this.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood mentioned the oil distributor is back and working. He complimented the mechanics at the barn for getting this back up and running quickly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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

On motion (25-270) 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 12:27 PM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:17 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:26 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 15, 2025- 8:30 AM Work Session to sign midmonth bills and payroll vouchers.

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Item Two: July 15, 2025- 9:30 AM Work Session with County Clerk Lisa Lusker and Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz to discuss storage building.

Item Three: July 18, 2025- 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss budget.

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 [July 11, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:27 PM 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:

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 07/14/2025 11:20 AM/amended BKW 7/14/25 12:30 PM