

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **THIRTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, June 03, 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 (25-219) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 30, 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	215	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 27, 2025 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 25	216	To approve the ARPA Drawdown request for May 2025
Motion 25	217	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding EMS agreement 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

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		Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 10:44 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	218	To approve the Tuition Reimbursement Obligation Agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Item One: Mr. Mark Lehman, Crawford County Conservation District Chairperson, addressed the Commissioners. He mentioned in December he discussed hiring a technician with grant funding but stated that funding has since dried up so he is not going to be able to hire a technician. Mr. Lehman discussed the budget for the Conservation District and mentioned that since the State increased their funding they are now asking for \$10,000 less from the County. Commissioner Wood asked what they will do if they cannot hire a technician and Mr. Lehman explained. Commissioner Wood asked what a technician would do for the county and Mr. Lehman answered. Commissioner Wood asked what the Conservation District is doing now and Mr. Lehman explained. Commissioner Wood asked about flooding problems and if the technician can survey that issue and Mr. Lehman explained.

On motion (25-220) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Crawford County Conservation District 2026 Operations Fund Budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Wood, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the May 2025 Clerk's Report. Commissioner Wood asked about the Road and Bridge expenses.

On motion (25-221) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the May 2025 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: Ms. Lusker announced there will be a primary election for USD 247 in August 2025 for school board position number 5. She explained there will be one polling place open in August for this election. Commissioner Blair asked where the polling location will be and Ms. Lusker stated it is not decided yet but that they think it will be in Cherokee due to St. Michael's undergoing renovations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Crawford County Fire District #2 Chief Mike McLeod requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-222) 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 Fire District #2 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, Fire Chief Mike McLeod, and Lane Brown attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:33 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 10:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:33 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Fire Chief Mike McLeod requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (25-223) 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 Fire District #2 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, Fire Chief Mike McLeod, and Lane Brown attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:55 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

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Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Commissioners with a Tyler Technologies agreement. Mr. Emerson mentioned this is a joint effort between City of Pittsburg and Crawford County, and that Communications Director Tim Mikrut can answer questions if the Commissioners have any. Mr. Emerson explained the agreement briefly. Mr. Emerson stated the cost will be split between City of Pittsburg and different county departments and that there is a one time charge of \$43,500.00 to move items to the cloud. Commissioner Wood asked how any agencies we are paying to put in the cloud and Mr. Emerson answered. Ms. Lusker explained the cloud briefly. Communications Director Tim Mikrut explained the difference between the cloud systems with Tyler Technologies and Craw-Kan.

On motion (25-224) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with an asphalt agreement between Crawford County and Emery Sapp and Sons. He explained the agreement.

On motion (25-225) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood approving the contract between Crawford County and Emery Sapp and Sons and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Wood, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood mentioned he and Mr. Emerson will be attending the KDOT Local Officials meeting at the Homer Cole Community Center on June 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker mentioned the State contacted her yesterday to see which local officials meeting the Commissioners will be attending. Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Moody mentioned they will be attending the meeting on KDOT Local Officials meeting at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on June 4th.

Item Two: Commissioner Wood asked if there has been anything mentioned regarding grants in reference to all the rain that has been received lately. Mr. Emerson stated that would be a question for Emergency Manager Quinton Parsons. Commissioner Wood stated he will give Mr. Parsons a call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (25-226) of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss budgets 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 11:22 A.M. 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: June 6, 2025- Mr. Casey Brown with SEKCAP discussing budget and letters of support.

Item Two: June 6, 2025- 9:00 AM Budget Work Session with Department Heads.

Item Three: June 10, 2025- 8:30 AM Budget Work Session with Department Heads.

Item Four: June 13, 2025- 8:30 AM Budget Work Session with Department Heads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 4, 2025- KDOT Local Officials meeting to discuss U.S 69 Highway Study at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Two: June 4, 2025- KDOT Open House to discuss US 69 Highway Study at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Pittsburg High School from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Three: June 5, 2025- KDOT Local Officials meeting to discuss US 69 Highway Study at Home Cole Community Center from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Four: June 5, 2025- KDOT Open House to discuss US 69 Highway Study at Homer Cole Community Center from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Northeast High School from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

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Item Five: June 5, 2025- 6:00 PM Comprehensive Plan Survey and Zoning Information Meeting with Mr. Joshua Albin in the 3rd Floor Courtroom. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Six: June 5, 2025- 5:30 PM Open House for the Miner's Hall Museum in Frontenac. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Seven: June 6, 2025- KDOT Virtual Open House to discuss US 69 Highway Study from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. One or more Commissioners may be in attendance.

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 [June 03, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:25 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 06/05/2025 10:15 AM/amended BKW 6/5/25 11:15 AM](#)