

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2026, **SIXTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, January 20, 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.

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 (26-032) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 16, 2026** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	27	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 13, 2026 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 642775 to 643020 dated January 15, 2026 in the total amount of \$630,402.65, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 26	28	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

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		individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:17 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	29	To adopt Resolution #2026-001, a Resolution reappointing Bonnie Houk to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals effective January 1, 2026 through January 1, 2029
Motion 26	30	To adopt Resolution #2026-002, a Resolution appointed Tracy Caldwell to the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals effective January 1, 2026 through January 1, 2029
Motion 26	31	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Economic Development Policies and CVB 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 11:51 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 THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson announced that a joint meeting with the County Commissioners and City of Pittsburg has been set up for Thursday, January 22nd at 5:30 PM located at the Pittsburg Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Emerson mentioned this is a special meeting with one topic. Mr. Emerson stated it is an open meeting. Commissioner Moody asked who all from the county will be attending this meeting and Mr. Emerson stated he has invited County Treasurer Joe Grisolano to attend and also that he hopes County Clerk Lisa Lusker can attend, and then he and the commissioners will be attending.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with some information regarding estimated tax credits for property tax. He explained the handout. Mr. Emerson instructed the Commissioners to call if they want any additional information before Thursday's meeting. Commissioner Wood asked if this is the refund individuals would get back based off of value and Mr. Emerson confirmed and that this is only if the county and city both give back full credit.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody discussed trash along 69 Highway. He mentioned it is terrible and he does not know what to do about it. He stated in the past they have

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notified KDOT, the landfill, and the trash haulers. Commissioner Moody stated it is actually the state's problem that the county gets to deal with. Mr. Emerson stated on a whim he started visiting with the City of Springfield and MoDOT because he heard they have equipment that they run on their right of ways. He explained MoDOT actually owns this equipment. Mr. Emerson stated he has reached out to the manufacturer of the machine and that a brand new machine is \$80,000.00 but refurbished is about \$45,000.00. He stated he has not done too much digging but that they could probably find them cheaper used. Mr. Emerson explained the equipment. Mr. Emerson stated this is probably going to be the solution unless they want to pay a part time person to just go out and clean the trash. Commissioner Moody asked if KDOT does not own this equipment and Mr. Emerson stated he does not think so. Commissioner Blair stated they should reach out to KDOT again because 47 Highway and 126 are almost just as bad as 69 Highway. Commissioner Moody stated maybe this is a conversation they need to have with KDOT. Commissioner Wood stated the only problem with the state is that they are so particular and because it is not the county's issue why should the county have to put in the funds and manpower to clean the trash. Commissioner Wood stated if the state wants it to be trashy that is their decision even though the Commissioners do not want that for the county. Commissioner Blair stated if KDOT, the landfill, and the haulers are willing to work towards a solution with the county the problem can be taken care of. Commissioner Moody stated this has been going on for several years. Commissioner Wood stated he thinks it is the state and landfill's responsibility. Commissioner Blair asked what the payout is for the state and Mr. Emerson answered it is \$1.00 per ton. Commissioner Wood asked if the landfill pays property tax under commercial and Mr. Emerson confirmed. Commissioner Moody asked about the cost of the equipment refurbished and Mr. Emerson explained through the company refurbished is \$45,000.00 but that the \$20,000.00 range was him quickly searching for a used machine not through the company. Commissioner Moody asked if there is a warranty on the refurbished machinery and Mr. Emerson stated he believes there was. Ms. Lusker asked if the county can impose a fee for the haulers if they are not tarped or losing trash out of their trucks and Mr. Emerson explained it would be a fine from the state and would not come to the county. Mr. Emerson stated to get the problem fixed the county is going to have to be some part of the solution.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair brought up the information discussed in work session this morning. Mr. Emerson stated they have their annual quote for GPS tracking on the county's equipment. He explained the quote is from Track Start International, Inc in the total amount of \$14,252.40 which is up a little from last year and that this was reviewed in the work session.

On motion (26-033) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve payment to Track Star International, Inc. for GSP tracking in the total amount of \$14,252.40 and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Five: Mr. Emerson explained they are due this year for their annual bridge inspection which is done every even year. He stated they have a quote from their regular provider Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA in the amount of \$30,444.00 which breaks down to \$129.00 per bridge with a collection fee required for the new KDOT system. Mr. Emerson stated they are required to do this every two years.

On motion (26-034) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the quote with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA for the 2026 bridge inspections in the amount of \$30,444.00 and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair discussed the chances of having weather this weekend. He asked if they should have the crew on stand by or if they should just wait until they have the weather. Commissioner Moody stated waiting should be okay as long as they have things ready to go in preparation of the weather.

OLD BUSINESS

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 23, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss county infant policy.

Item Two: January 23, 2026- 9:45 AM Work Session with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan to discuss ARPA.

Item Three: January 27, 2026- 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss county per diem policy.

Item Four: January 30, 2026- Rock bids due by 10:00 AM and will be opened during the regular session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 22, 2026- 5:30 PM Joint meeting between the County and City of Pittsburg regarding property taxes. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Two: January 28, 2026- Kansas Association of Counties Local Government Day. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [January 20, 2026](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:21 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:

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 1/22/2026 9:55 AM/amended BKW 1/22/26 10:31 AM](#)