

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, August 05, 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 (25-308) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 29, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	304	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 25, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	305	To sponsor the Frontenac 12 & Under Baseball Team in the amount of \$500.00
Motion 25	306	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and

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		Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:26 AM. The Motion passed 2-0
Motion 25	307	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding HHW 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 10:52 A.M. The motion passed 2-0

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. Nate Clevenger addressed the Commissioners. He stated since the Commissioners sponsored the track club they would like to give them an update. Mr. Clevenger stated they had 15 top 20 finishes and 3 individuals who achieved All American status by placing in the top 8. Mr. Clevenger provided some more details regarding individual accomplishments. He thanked the Commissioners for sponsoring them. Commissioner Wood congratulated the team. Commissioner Blair asked what the age range of the track club is and Mr. Clevenger answered.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Zoning Administrator May Smith addressed the Commissioners. She explained she is presenting a subdivision today known as Waterview Estates. Ms. Smith stated that the Planning and Zoning Board heard this case on Thursday, July 17, 2025. She explained the subdivision to the Commissioners. Ms. Smith stated there was a letter of opposition from a nearby landowner who thinks the land would be better fit for agriculture. Commissioner Blair asked about the opposition and Ms. Smith explained. Commissioner Wood asked if there are still pits on the property and Ms. Smith explained. Commissioner Wood asked about septic tanks and Ms. Smith explained. Commissioner Wood asked about the land owners around the area and Ms. Smith answered. Ms. Smith presented Resolution #2025-023, a Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as “Waterview Estates” and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the proposed development.

On motion (25-309) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2025-023, a Resolution to accept and grant the proposed development to be known as “Waterview Estates” and to accept and grant the amendment of zoning from Agricultural to Rural Residential for the proposed development.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the July 2025 Clerk's Report. Commissioner Wood asked if the Commissioners could start receiving the Clerk's Report the meeting before it is presented by her. Ms. Lusker stated she can provide it the first meeting of the month and present it as new business the second meeting of the month.

On motion (25-310) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the July 2025 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call vote

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Ms. Lusker presented the Community Corrections 4th Quarter Budget Adjustment. She explained the report to the Commissioners and that it does not need approval but just needs signed.

On motion (25-311) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Community Corrections 4th Quarter Budget Adjustment report as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Ms. Lusker discussed the Southeast Kansas County Official District meeting. She explained it will be held in Ottawa this year on September 4, 2025 at 8:30 AM. She explained they need an RSVP as soon as possible.

Item Four: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2025-024, a Resolution authorizing Crawford County to enter into a supplemental lease with option to purchase NO. 3, dated August 21, 2025, between the County and The Crawford County Kansas Public Building Commission; to enter into a supplemental sublease NO. 3, dated August 21, 2025, with Hospital District NO. 1, Crawford County, Kansas; Approving the form of said supplemental lease with option to purchase NO. 3 and supplemental sublease NO. 3; and Authorizing the execution thereof and certain related documents. Mr. Emerson explained this resolution to the Commissioners.

On motion (25-312) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2025-024, a Resolution authorizing Crawford County to enter into a supplemental lease with option to purchase NO. 3, dated August 21, 2025, between the County and The Crawford County, Kansas Public Building Commission; to enter into a supplemental sublease NO. 3, dated August 21, 2025, with Hospital District NO. 1,

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Crawford County, Kansas; Approving the form of said supplemental lease with option to purchase NO. 3 and supplemental sublease NO. 3; and Authorizing the execution thereof and certain related documents.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed CTEC having a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new partnership with WSU Tech. He stated this will take place on August 14th at 3:30 P.M.

Item Six: Commissioner Wood stated he talked with the Homer Cole Community Center and that they are having difficulty with their fire alarm system. Commissioner Wood stated if the Commissioners agree he would like to have Courthouse Maintenance Aaron Crozier go look at the fire system. Commissioner Wood mentioned going out for bids if this problem cannot be fixed. Commissioner Blair asked that it is just the fire alarm system and Commissioner Wood confirmed.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood asked about the Clerk's office storage building and Ms. Lusker gave an update.

Item Eight: Commissioner Blair stated he talked to Mr. Emerson earlier about the Comprehensive Plan schedule. Mr. Emerson stated the deadline set by the Commissioners for the surveys to be completed is August 22, 2025. Commissioner Blair mentioned they will get an update on how many people submitted and they will then set a date to discuss results. Commissioner Wood stated someone called him this morning about the deadline and Commissioner Wood asked what the procedure will consist of after the deadline. Mr. Emerson stated that has not been decided yet and gave information on who Mr. Joshua Albin will have to discuss that with.

Item Nine: Ms. Lusker mentioned that the Resolution #2025-024 requires a Roll Call vote that did not take place.

On motion (25-313) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adopt Resolution #2025-024, a Resolution authorizing Crawford County to enter into a supplemental lease with option to purchase NO. 3, dated August 21, 2025, between the County and The Crawford County, Kansas Public Building Commission; to enter into a supplemental sublease NO. 3, dated August 21, 2025, with Hospital District NO. 1, Crawford County, Kansas; Approving the form of said supplemental lease with option to purchase NO. 3 and supplemental sublease NO. 3; and Authorizing the execution thereof and certain related documents.

On a Roll Call vote

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Ms. Lusker mentioned the 2025 City School Primary Election is taking place today for USD 247 School Board Position 5. She stated they had a polling place issue with the Cherokee Senior Center due to the ceiling caving in. Ms. Lusker stated the Mayor decided that the Cherokee Senior Center could not be used but offered the tornado shelter down the road to be used instead. Ms. Lusker mentioned they have gotten word out the best they can of this location change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (25-314) of Commissioner Blair and second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding HHW 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 11:03 A.M. The motion passed 2-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item Two: The Commissioners discussed a budget work session on August 12. They decided on August 12, 2025 at 8:30 AM. Commissioner Blair asked if there is anything that can be done to work on the budget this Friday and Ms. Lusker explained.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 12, 2025- 8:30 AM Work Session to discuss budget.

Item Two: August 12, 2025- 9:30 AM The Board of County Canvassers will meet to canvass the ballots from the 2025 City School Primary Election with the Regular Session commencing immediately after the canvass.

Item Three: August 15, 2025- Ms. April Swartz with Varney & Associates presenting the 2024 Crawford County Audit.

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Item Four: August 15, 2025- Ms. Leslie Lackamp with Mosaic and Mr. Bob Davis with Class LTD giving a County Mill Presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: August 14, 2025- 3:30 PM Southeast Kansas Career & Technical Education Center ribbon cutting ceremony located at 1301 E 27th Terrace Pittsburg, KS. 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 Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [August 05, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:59 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Wood

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

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken RJA 08/6/2025 3:35 PM