

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2026, TWELFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, February 10, 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 (26-063)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 06, 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	54	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 03, 2026 minutes, and Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers
Motion 26	55	To approve the Special Alcohol, Parks and Recreation, Elderly, and Historical funding as presented
Motion 26	56	To approve payment to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$11,577.14 and Call2Recycle in the amount of \$2,549.99

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Motion 26	57	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Road located in Martin Kane’s 2nd Addition to the City of Arma, Kansas with a public hearing scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Motion 26	58	To approve the agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services as presented
Motion 26	59	To approve the 2026 Rock bids as recommended by Dennis Meier, Triad Environmental Services
Motion 26	60	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 individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and EMS Director Randy Sandberg attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:51 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	61	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss raises 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 12:12 PM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 26	62	To approve a cost-of-living increase for county employees at a rate of 3% with a maximum raise of \$1.00 per hour

**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**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Pat Walden addressed the Commissioners. He stated he is representing Mr. John Copyak with Shasta Power today. Mr. Walden mentioned he spoke with Mr. Copyak yesterday and that the survey is not fully complete as a couple individuals requested some additional time. Mr. Walden stated they are hoping it will be finished quickly and that Mr. Copyak can be present soon to provide the survey information. Commissioner Moody asked if it was not stated that the moratorium had to be lifted by February 12th to make the project viable for them and Mr. Walden stated there is a timeline he knows they are working against but he believes they are currently in meetings. Mr. Walden mentioned he cannot answer too much. Commissioner Blair apologized to everyone who attended the meeting for the solar project discussion that did not take place today.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the Commissioners with an email she received from Mr. Tom McGuire with Gallagher Insurance. She mentioned he reached out to her in hopes of discussing property and liability insurance quotes. Ms. Lusker stated Mr. McGuire is aware they have already signed a contract for this year but that he would like to begin discussing next year. She mentioned she set up a meeting with Mr. McGuire on February 20th after the meeting but that he will also be present during the meeting to introduce himself.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood stated he is going to meet with Shop Foreman Josh Peak at the barn to discuss maintenance with the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Wood mentioned he and Mr. Emerson have a meeting tomorrow with SEK Recycling to get the HHW program taken care of. Commissioner Wood stated next week he and Mr. Emerson are going to have a meeting with a bank to discuss credit cards.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair stated the paver had a recall and was taken to Chanute today to get that addressed. Commissioner Wood asked what he is talking about and Commissioner Blair explained there is a recall on some of the sensors on the paver so it was taken to Chanute to get fixed. Commissioner Wood stated they have equipment sitting out that he does not believe needs to be sitting out as they cost big dollars. He mentioned maybe talking to the Foremen about this because they have buildings to put the equipment in.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood stated the other day he asked Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards to see about getting dust control taken care of by turning it over to a company. He mentioned he knew Commissioner Blair had a company to suggest and Commissioner Blair stated he provided Ms. Edwards with that information this week. Commissioner Blair stated he will follow up on this.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Moody asked if they have received culvert bids and Commissioner Blair stated he does not know if that has went out for bid yet. Commissioner Wood stated he thinks the bids may have went out because Ms. Edwards has contacted the Foremen to gather information on it. Commissioner Blair stated he knew Ms. Edwards had been working on it but that he believes rock bids may have taken priority.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Emerson if CVB has contacted him about a new director or where the money will be going. Mr. Emerson answered he is going there tomorrow morning for a meeting and part of it will be to review applicants.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood stated they need to start interviews for a new EMS Director. He mentioned he would like to get something going on that sooner rather than later. Commissioner Moody suggested discussing this in executive session.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**Item One:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (26-064)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody 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 individual employees. The County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:29 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:28 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: February 13, 2026- 8:30 AM** Work Session to sign midmonth bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: February 20, 2026- 10:00 AM** Public Hearing to Vacate a Platted Street located in the Original Town of Ringo, Crawford County, Kansas.

**Item Three: February 24, 2026- 9:00 AM** Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith and Mr. Toby Coon with KDHE regarding nuisance property.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [February 10, 2026](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:29 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**

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official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk



**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken RJA 2/11/2026 4:10 PM/amended BKW 2/12/26 11:00 AM](#)