

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **SIXTY-FIRST** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, August 29, 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 (25-367) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 26, 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	361	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 22, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	362	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal advice pertaining to RHID 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 10:35 A.M. The motion passed 3-0

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Motion 25	363	To pay \$13,500 to Novogradac for the Housing Needs Assessment
Motion 25	364	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 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 Coby Hinton attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:51 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	365	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employee’s 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 11:58 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	366	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss contracts 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 Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards present. The open meeting will resume at 11:12 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 and asked about the results of the Comprehensive Plan Surveys. County Counselor Jim Emerson explained that the deadline to submit surveys was August 22 and the results are with the consultant and he is working on processing the surveys. He stated that the consultant will be attending the Commissioner meeting on September 19, 2025 to discuss the results. Mr. Viets asked if there will be a decision made at that time and Commissioner Moody stated that he does not believe a decision will be made that day. Mr. Viets asked at what point will a decision be made and determine the issues of windmills and solar. Commissioner Moody stated that after the results are received there will be discussions but cannot give an exact date a decision will be made. He also stated that the decision made will last a long time and wants to make it as right as possible. Mr. Viets stated that he feels that time is running out and a decision needs to be made. Commissioner Wood explained what is involved in making a decision but with the results, it will be known what the citizens want. There was a discussion about ads in the newspaper in reference to turning in the Comprehensive Plan surveys after the deadline has past and the costs of the ads. Commissioner Blair discussed his ideas on what will take place after the results of the survey are received. There was a discussion on the zoning issues of the survey. Mr. Viets discussed the

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moratorium and Commissioner Blair answered his questions. Mr. Viets discussed a deadline for the windmills of January 1, 2026 and explained the reasons the windmill companies have the deadline. The Commissioners and Mr. Viets agreed that whatever is done needs to be what is best for the county.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Ms. Alyssa Edwards, Road & Bridge Coordinator addressed the Commissioners and discussed Bridge Project #019 C-5295-01 she presented last week and stated that she received the information the Commissioners had requested. She explained the information to the Commissioners.

On motion (25-368) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Authority to Award Contract for Bridge Project #019 C-5295 -01.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the county is 2/3 of the way through the current fiscal year. He presented the Rick Management Overview and explained the overview and said this is good news for the county. He discussed the consulting firm and renewal numbers from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He also spoke about the stop loss and drug rebates.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson requested a work session on September 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM to discuss a per diem policy. The Commissioners agreed.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Crawford County 2025 Storage Building Request for Proposal packet. He explained that County Clerk Lisa Lusker, Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and Aaron Crozier have looked over the packet. He went through the packet and stated that bids will be received until 4:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2025 and will be opened by the Commissioners on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM. It was discussed what the contractor will be responsible for and what will be done in house. Mr. Emerson answered Commissioner Wood that this is a packaged bid and the items are not bid out separately. Mr. Emerson explained that the county has the authority to reject all bids and to rebid.

On motion (25-369) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Storage Building Request for Proposal as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Four: Commissioner Blair gave an update on Road & Bridge paving and patching of the roads and which roads will be closed.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood discussed the county going with a credit card company that offers a rebate. Mr. Emerson discussed the per diem policy and purchasing cards.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Wood discussed the new mowers and stated they are very nice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (25-370) of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice pertaining to coroner's office orders 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 11:00 A.M. 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 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 29, 2025- 8:30 AM Work Session to sign end of the month bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: September 02, 2025- Ms. Jasmine Kyle with SEK Humane Society addressing financial assistance.

Item Three: September 9, 2025 – 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss a per diem policy.

Item Four: September 16, 2025- 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Colin Holthaus with KWORC to discuss worker's compensation.

Item Five: September 19, 2025- Mr. Joshua Albin discussing Comprehensive Plan Survey.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 1, 2025- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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 [August 29, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:57 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.

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