

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2025, **FIFTIETH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, July 18, 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 was seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (25-279)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 15, 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	271	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 11, 2025 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 639018 to 639308 dated July 15, 2025 in the total amount of \$492,841.64
Motion 25	272	To sponsor the Girard Warriors track club in the amount of \$500.00
Motion 25	273	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,285.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 25	274	To approve Crawford County Mental Health’s request of \$50,000 from the Opioid Funds
Motion 25	275	To raise the pay for the Deputy Coroner Kenny Yoakum to \$175.00 per call
Motion 25	276	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss county employees 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 10:49 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	277	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss individual job descriptions 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 11:18 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	278	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss ARPA audit 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 11:18 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**

**Item One:** Sheriff Billy Tomasi addressed the Commissioners. He discussed the K9 that has been delivered and is currently training and should be done at the end of August or beginning of September. Sheriff Tomasi also stated they have gotten the vehicle equipped for the K9 back. He gave an update on the Sheriff’s Department and what they have been doing. Sheriff Tomasi discussed K9s that can sniff out USB drives that can contain certain criminal activity such as child pornography. He discussed wanting to have three K9s total and explained their jobs. Commissioner Blair asked if the Sheriff’s Department will be doing any programs with the schools when they start back up and Sheriff Tomasi answered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-280)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Sheriff’s Department pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-

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4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, Sheriff Billy Tomasi, and Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:30 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 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-281)** 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 Sheriff's Department 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, Sheriff Billy Tomasi, and Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:51 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 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Sheriff Billy Tomasi requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-282)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Sheriff's Department employees 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 Sheriff Billy Tomasi attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:03 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:03 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an application for a 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage License for George C Brown Post 26 Girard American Legion to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event during the dates beginning at 10:00 AM on July 29, 2025 and ending at 5:00 PM on August 3, 2025 at 249 E 47 Hwy Girard KS. Ms. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, and County Attorney and there was no issue with this application.

**On motion (25-283)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

**APPLICANT:** George C Brown Post 26 Girard American Legion

**PREMISES:** 249 E 47 Hwy Girard, KS

**DATE:** 10:00 AM on July 29, 2025 and ending at 5:00 PM on August 3, 2025

**(For consumption on the premises)**

**EVENT:** Crawford County Fair

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Ms. Lusker stated she was contacted by Mr. Ron Holbrook about a groundbreaking ceremony for Sugar Creek’s childcare center. She mentioned they would like to invite the three Commissioners to participate in the ceremony in Frontenac on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in Frontenac. Commissioner Moody mentioned he heard that Governor Kelly will be attending as well and Ms. Lusker confirmed. Ms. Lusker mentioned they will receive more information closer to this date.

**Item Three:** Ms. Lusker requested a work session on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM to discuss the budget.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood stated he would like to have a work session on July 22, 2025 at 8:30 AM with the Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson to discuss county employees.

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**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood stated he would like to have Zoning Administrator May Smith in an executive session at an upcoming meeting to discuss a job title.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Ms. Lusker discussed the Primary Election for USD 247 and that mail in ballots went out on Wednesday and in office voting will take place closer to the election.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood stated he attended the meeting at Pittsburg American Legion regarding the monument at the Pittsburg Airport. He gave details regarding the meeting and stated he was asked if the county could provide or find a patio umbrella with a sprinkler to keep the volunteers cool in the heat. Commissioner Wood said he priced one and that they are anywhere from \$65.00 to \$80.00. Commissioner Blair stated he believes they have one at Road and Bridge and told him to check with the Road and Bridge shops.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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

**On motion (25-284)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Road and Bridge 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 attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:27 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:23 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: July 22, 2025- 8:30 AM** Work Session to discuss department heads and employees.

**Item Two: July 22, 2025- 9:00 AM** Work Session to discuss budget.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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**Item One: August 4, 2025- 10:30 AM** Groundbreaking ceremony for Sugar Creek's childcare center. 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 Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [July 18, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:24 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.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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

[Taken RJA 07/18/2025 3:35 PM](#)