

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2025, **SEVENTY-FIRST** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, October 03, 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 (25-402)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 30, 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	397	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 26, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	398	To approve the application for the Emergency Management Performance Grant and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 25	399	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss EMS and CVB 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 10:30 AM. The Motion passed 3-0

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Motion 25	400	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 30 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding Health Department, RJA, and insurance 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
Motion 25	401	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 10 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding the Coroner 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 11:09 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**

**Item One:** Opening of bids for the Storage Building. County Clerk Lisa Lusker opened the bids from JT Construction, Tri-State Building, and Home Center Construction and read them aloud. Commissioner Moody stated he recommends providing the bids to Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz and Courthouse Maintenance Aaron Crozier for review so that he can make a recommendation.

**Item Two:** Opening of bids for two boilers at the Pittsburg Judicial Center. Ms. Lusker opened the bids from James River Mechanical, CDL, and Design Mechanical Inc. and read them aloud. Commissioner Moody stated he also recommends these bids be provided to Mr. Gorentz and Mr. Crozier for review and recommendation.

**MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH  
 MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES  
 MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS  
 MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Ms. Becky Gray with Building Health Inc. addressed the Commissioners. She mentioned she is joined by Transportation Program Manager Ms. Cassie Jones. Ms. Gray discussed the CareVan services and some information regarding this program. Ms. Gray explained that they also provide nonemergency medical transport and that they can bill insurance for this. She provided the Commissioners with program statistics. Commissioner Blair asked if when Ms. Gray stated the program is almost breaking even if that covers equipment, wages, etc. and Ms. Gray confirmed. Ms. Gray explained majority of their rides are for medical purposes as well as other reasons for rides. Ms. Gray stated they are just hoping for a letter of support from the Commissioners today. Commissioner Wood asked if most of their rides are medical related and Ms. Jones confirmed. Commissioner Wood asked about the transportation vehicles and Ms. Jones explained. Commissioner Wood asked where the KDOT vans run and Ms. Jones explained. Commissioner Wood asked if most of their rides get reimbursed through

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Medicare and Ms. Jones explained that most of their riders are through KDOT and funded through KDOT and that 2,000 of their rides are nonemergency medical transport. Ms. Jones discussed an upcoming meeting they will have for vehicles they have gotten through Enterprise. Commissioner Wood asked about these vehicles and Ms. Jones explained. Ms. Gray stated their contact information is on the presentation she shared and that they would really appreciate a letter of support. Commissioner Moody thanked Ms. Gray and Ms. Jones for their service to the county.

**On motion (25-403)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to grant a letter of support for Building Health Inc. authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Sheriff's Department Human Resources/Finance Officer Adam Harrison requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-404)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 10 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, and Sheriff's Department Human Resources/Finance Officer Adam Harrison attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:42 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 10:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Communications Director Tim Mikrut requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-405)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes 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 Communications Director Tim Mikrut attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:58 AM. The Motion passed 3-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:51 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Communications Director Tim Mikrut addressed the Commissioners. He stated he is here to present a designation of authorized agent forms for the Chairman to sign. He explained this authorizes him to apply for the FEMA storm siren grant for Crawford County. He explained there are eight signature pages, one for each project.

**On motion (25-406)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the signature forms allowing Communications Director Tim Mikrut to be the authorized agent for the FEMA Storm Siren grant and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Wood, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

**Item Three:** Health Department Director Debra Anthony requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-407)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Health 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Health Department Director Debra Anthony, and Finance Director Heidi Moody attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:16 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 10:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Four:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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**On motion (25-408)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 30 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, EMS Director Randy Sandberg, and EMS Billing Supervisor Jill Warford attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 11:50 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 11:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair mentioned Fall Festival in Girard is coming up and that the City of Girard typically uses the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Blair mentioned there has been a change in the chamber so they may not be aware that they have previously asked in the past. Mr. Emerson stated previously they have just allowed the city to use the Courthouse lawn. Ms. Lusker stated she believes the Fall Festival is on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood about the trees on the property where the Clerk's Storage Building will be located. Commissioner Blair stated he believed Road and Bridge was going to take care of this by taking the two that were dead.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood stated the land survey was done at the Homer Cole Community Center and that he is going to speak with Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz about getting some markers on the property. Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Emerson has heard any from the surveyors and Mr. Emerson stated he has not but that he will be emailing them this afternoon.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood stated he got another broom for the Road and Bridge and discussed smoke sealing.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood stated he believes the executive sessions they have had today have been productive and Commissioner Moody agreed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

**Item Five:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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**On motion (25-409)** 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 regarding HHW and Recycling 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 12:19 A.M. The motion passed 3-0. Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:04 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:19 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: October 14, 2025-** Mr. Jeff Fischer and Mr. Steve Rockers with KDOT discussing US 69 Highway Study.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: October 4, 2025-** One or more Commissioners may be in attendance of the Pittsburg State University football game.

**Item Two: October 7, 2025-** The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the KDOT 2025 Local Consult Meeting.

**Item Three: October 7, 2025-** KDOT 2025 Local Consult Meeting from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM located at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

### 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 [October 03, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:20 PM 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.**

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**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 10/08/25 4:00 PM/amended BKW 10/9/25 12:30 PM](#)