

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2025, **EIGHTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. **Friday, December 19, 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.

Commissioner 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 (25-512) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 16, 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	505	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 12, 2025 minutes, and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 642163 to 642429 dated December 15, 2025 in the total amount of \$418,865.14
Motion 25	506	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 5 minutes to discuss CVB job performance pursuant to the non-elected

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		personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the individual employees. The County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, CVB Director Dave Looby, and HR Partners John Dietrick attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:10 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	507	To adopt Resolution #2025-035, a Resolution placing a moratorium and providing for the suspension of certain types of improvements on any land within the unincorporated area of Crawford County; and directing that potential land development regulations be developed
Motion 25	508	To close the courthouse at 12:00 PM Friday December 24th and all day December 25th and December 26th for the Christmas holiday
Motion 25	509	To close the courthouse at 10:00 AM on Wednesday December 31st for the year end audit and all day January 1st for the New Year Holiday
Motion 25	510	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding communications 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 11:42 A.M. The motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	511	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding accounts payable 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 11:58 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 Worker’s Compensation insurance bids. Ms. Lusker opened the bids and read them aloud. She stated the first bid is from KWORCC and the total premium is \$222,219.00. Ms. Lusker mentioned the next bid is from Ryan Insurance and the total premium is \$360,007.00. Mr. Wally Wilson from Ryan Insurance explained their bid. Commissioner Moody asked County Counselor Jim Emerson if he remembers what they paid last year and Mr. Emerson answered. Commissioner Moody stated they will send these bids off for recommendation. Mr. Wilson stated he was not expecting this big of a difference between bids but that KWORCC only has 9 or 10 employees and that Ryan Insurance has been here the last four meetings and KWORCC has not been. Commissioner Moody thanked Mr. Wilson for their bid. Commissioner Wood asked because Mr. Wilson mentioned the Sheriff’s Department and Road and Bridge Department were they the departments with the most worker’s compensation claims and Mr. Wilson answered not necessarily and that EMS had the most. Commissioner Wood asked what the Sheriff’s Department or Road and Bridge have to do with the increase and Mr. Wilson explained.

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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
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan presented the ARPA drawdown request for December 2025. Ms. Ryan explained there were three invoices that were discussed in a work session this morning. She stated the first was from New Foundations for \$5,532.80, Sugar Creek for \$7,672.50, and Adam Jones Law Firm for \$6,485.00.

On motion (25-513) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the ARPA drawdown request for December 2025.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCES BIDS continued

Item Two: Budget Hearing for the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budget.

On motion (25-514) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

There was no public comment.

On motion (25-515) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budget.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson discussed the budgets that were amended. Commissioner Wood discussed Consolidated 911 Budget and asked if Mr. Emerson could explain this to him. Mr. Emerson explained why these funds were selected and that they are required to fix these budgets since they are predicted to go over or are already over. Commissioner Blair

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mentioned one of the big expenses for Consolidated 911 Budget was the tower project that was discussed several times.

On motion (25-516) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budget.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Emerson explained EMS spent \$210,000.00 last month and as their account sits today it has \$134,470.00 and the budget issue has been fixed today so they will not be over budget. Mr. Emerson explained if they will have to give extra money they can decide on December 30th. Commissioner Wood asked if they will not have to amend the budget again and Mr. Emerson explained the process. Commissioner Wood asked about January and February bills for EMS and Mr. Emerson explained. Commissioner Blair asked if they are able to resume billing again and Mr. Emerson confirmed.

Item Three: Budget Hearings for the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budgets for Fire Districts.

On motion (25-517) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budgets for Fire Districts.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

There was no public comment.

On motion (25-518) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budgets for Fire Districts.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (25-519) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2025 Crawford County Amended Budgets for Fire Districts.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair, Moody, and Wood

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented a Tax Roll Correction. Ms. Lusker stated the Tax Roll Correction is correcting an error in the assessing of 16/20M Truck owned by Jean Ham in the care of Connie Crawford and to request a refund in the amount of \$18.00 from the 2024 tax rolls. Ms. Lusker explained this 1962 Ford was tagged as an antique.

On motion (25-520) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Jean Ham in the care of Connie Crawford and to request a refund in the amount of \$18.00 from the 2024 tax rolls and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair, and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Ms. Lusker stated she received a bill from the League of Kansas Municipalities for the membership dues for 2026. She stated it increased \$1.00 from last year.

On motion (25-521) of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the payment for membership dues to the League of Kansas Municipalities in the amount of \$1,177.94.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Moody, and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Ms. Lusker stated 11th Judicial District Court Administrator Mac Young contacted her and would like to be added to the agenda on January 6th, 2026 along with Chief Judge Kurtis Loy. She mentioned they will be giving an update on Recovery Court as well as the 11th Judicial District in general.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson stated he has a request from Mr. Blake Benson to attend the meeting on December 23rd to discuss the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB county contract.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair discussed 69 Highway trash. He stated he has been making some phone calls on how they can get this taken care of and hopefully get a permanent fix. He mentioned he has talked to the landfill this morning as well as KDOT and has received some additional numbers to contact. Commissioner Blair mentioned they need to maybe look at the enforcement piece and see if they are still writing

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citations. Commissioner Moody mentioned this has been an ongoing problem for the last several years but more so recently.

Item Seven: Commissioner Wood discussed employees going on maternity leave and then returning to work with their infants. He provided the Commissioners with information on what the State of Kansas allows. He stated he believes the county needs to get a policy in place. Commissioner Wood asked for the Commissioners to review this information and then they can discuss it again on Tuesday. Commissioner Moody stated it would not hurt to have something in place.

Item Eight: Commissioner Wood stated they had a contractor do some work on 250th in the Litchfield area and he had someone call regarding dust control on this road. Commissioner Wood explained this individual paid for 500 feet worth of dust control at \$675.00 back in June. He explained this individual is calling because a grader had to be used on the road because of the damage done by dump trucks and this individual would like to know if he can have help with his dust control next year. Commissioner Wood stated he is going to reach out to the contractor to see if they will pay a portion of it, the individual pay a portion, as well as the county pay a portion. Commissioner Moody stated he has no problem doing this. Commissioner Blair stated he has had several people call as well. Commissioner Wood stated there is a lot of areas they give dust control for free. Commissioner Wood stated if Commissioner Blair is having these calls they need to look at those as well.

Item Nine: Commissioner Wood mentioned he has had some problems with work being done on Highway 400. He stated they need to have a policy for when construction work is being done to provide a haul route. Commissioner Wood stated these large trucks are running on 210th. Commissioner Blair asked if there is any way they can look at some of the roads in his district that get truck traffic and should not as well. Commissioner Wood stated something has to be done because they have just got done paving roads. He mentioned he has discussed this with Sign Foreman Dale Shireman as well. Commissioner Wood mentioned that if it is not posted they cannot write a ticket.

Item Ten: Commissioner Wood asked if Mr. Emerson has gotten any information regarding the 911 committee. Mr. Emerson gave a list of the individuals from 2022 and added in the new members as well. He stated what he will probably do next if the Commissioners are okay with it is he will contact the individuals and make sure they are still wanting to be on this committee.

Item Eleven: Commissioner Moody stated he and Mr. Emerson toured the new Frontenac Museum. He stated he would encourage the Commissioners to go check this out because he was blown away and that they are fortunate to have something like this in Crawford County.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair discussed the condition of a mile of paved road at 180th Street south of 126 Hwy. He stated that the condition of that section gets worse every day

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and nothing can be done right now about the except make it as save as possible to travel. He said he is not sure what the issue is and not sure if it is shoddy work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (25-522) 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 CVB contract 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 Wood, Blair, and Moody

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 10:51 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (25-523) of Commissioner Blair and second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal advice regarding potential litigation regarding EMS 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 11:07 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 10:52 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:07 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (25-524) 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

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discuss legal advice regarding communications 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 11:23 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 11:08 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (25-525) of Commissioner Moody 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 Mental Health 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 11:31 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 11:16 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 23, 2025 – Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President discussing Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce and CVB county contract.

Item Two: January 6, 2026 - Chief Judge Kurtis Loy and 11th Judicial District Court Administrator Mac Young discussing Recovery Court and 11th Judicial District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 24, 2025- The Courthouse will be closed at 12:00 PM in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Item Two: December 25-26th, 2025- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

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Item Three: December 26, 2025- The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.

Item Four: December 31, 2025- The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM due to the year-end audit and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Courthouse and the Motor Vehicle Department in the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will be closed all day. The Register of Deeds Office will be open until 10:00 AM but no recordings will be done due to software updates.

Item Five: January 1, 2026- The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the New Year 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 [December 19, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:33 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.

[Taken RJA 12/19/25 1:05 PM/taken BKW 12/19/25 4:00 PM/amended BKW 12/22/25 7:30 AM](#)