

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2025, **THIRTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Friday, May 16, 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 Carl Wood was 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 (25-204)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 13, 2025** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 637861 to 638123 dated May 15, 2025 in the total amount of \$500,176.90, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 25	199	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 09, 2025 minutes
Motion 25	200	To recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual 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,

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		County Counselor Jim Emerson, and County Attorney Reina Probert attended the executive session. The open meeting will resume at 10:18 AM. The Motion passed 3-0
Motion 25	201	To approve the Southeast Kansas Recycling, Inc. letter of support
Motion 25	202	To approve the appointment of Sgt. Dallas Pulliam to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and authorizing the Chairman to sign
Motion 25	203	To recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to discuss legal advice pertaining to Explore Crawford County and Juvenile Attorney 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson present. The open meeting will resume at 12:11 P.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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Commissioner Moody stated that 11th Judicial District Court Administrator Mac Young was on the agenda but is not here today. Commissioner Moody mentioned he, Mr. Jim Emerson, and Mr. Robert Gorentz met with Judge Loy. County Counselor Jim Emerson explained Judge Loy is now the 11th Judicial District Chief Judge and explained Judge Fleming is now a Judge for the Court of Appeals. Mr. Emerson explained they are looking into refurbishing the law library located in the Judicial Center in Pittsburg to allow for additional office space for Judge Fleming and possibly an assistant. Commissioner Wood asked if this is paid for by the State of Kansas or the county and Mr. Emerson explained it is in the statute for county to fund this project. Mr. Mac Young arrived and addressed the Commissioners and provided Commissioner Wood with a copy of this statute. Mr. Young discussed some details of creating this office space. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Young if he has reached out to Ms. Rebecca Keller to get a design for this office space yet and Mr. Young answered he has not. Commissioner Moody mentioned the next step is getting the drawings and having Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz look at them. Commissioner Wood asked Mr. Young if Judge Fleming would have much walk through traffic and Mr. Young answered. Commissioner Wood asked where the closest existing plumbing is and Mr. Young answered. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Young to reach out to Ms. Rebecca Keller. Commissioner Wood stated he would like to come over and take a look so he will contact Mr. Young before he comes. Commissioner Moody mentioned possibly making a separate entrance on the outside wall.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker mentioned that if the Commissioners are okay with it Conservation District Chairman Mr. Mark Lehman would like to come discuss the

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Conservation District budget and Commissioner Moody agreed. The date was set for June 3rd during the meeting.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Commissioners with the Southeast Kansas Works Chief Elected Official Board Agreement. Mr. Emerson mentioned they have had this agreement in the past and explained some details about the agreement. Commissioner Wood mentioned he has been to one meeting so far and that there are four meetings per year.

**On motion (25-205)** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Southeast Kansas Works Chief Elected Official Board Agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Wood discussed the paving at Crawford County Mental Health. Commissioner Moody stated they have made good progress but that they were having machine issues. Mr. Emerson stated they are pleased with the quality of the asphalt this year.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (25-206)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and go into a closed executive session for 15 minutes to discuss County Attorney's office 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 10:39 AM. The Motion passed 2-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:24 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Wood requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (25-207)** of Commissioner Moody and second of Commissioner Wood to recess this open meeting and to go into a closed executive session for 20 minutes to

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discuss legal advice pertaining to workers compensation 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 2-0.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:39 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:09 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**Item One: June 3, 2025-** Mr. Mark Lehman, Crawford County Conservation District Chairperson, discussing budget proposal.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Wood and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [May 16, 2025](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:10 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**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 05/16/2025 3:00 PM](#)