

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, April 16, 2021, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

On motion (21-112) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 13, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 605370 to 605601 dated April 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$366,086.32, and
3. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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 21	109	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 9, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	110	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,597.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	111	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:30 AM

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins went through the Crawford County Gating Criteria for the community and schools that was updated 4/16/2021. He also discussed the capacity of the local health care facilities and the vaccination numbers for the county. Dr. Stebbins discussed the hold that had been recently placed on use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the level of safety of the different vaccines. Ms. Teddi VanKam, County Health Dept. Director, discussed the vaccination sites and the continued use of Lincoln Center in Pittsburg on Wednesdays through the end of April. There was a discussion of the efforts to vaccinate high school students in the county that are 16 years of age and older. There was a discussion of the drop in numbers for first doses of the vaccine and that there is a good supply of vaccine available in the county but they need more people at the clinics. Commissioner Johnson was answered that there will probably be a booster for this virus from time to time as the virus mutates but there it still much to learn about this virus. Commissioner Moody wondered if Ms. Janis Goedeke would like to discuss a county health systems assessment that Commissioner Johnson had mentioned at the last meeting. Commissioner Johnson stated that he had discussed with the Sunflower Foundation a grant that would pay for the county to perform the assessment process with a consultant. Ms. Goedeke stated that the Health Dept. has participated in several of these kinds of assessments in the past and she felt that this is an intense process and that these processes involve personnel from lots of agencies outside of the health care agencies involved. They also stated that this assessment would probably take more than a year. They wanted the Health Dept. to check on an assessment currently being performed by Live Well and to see if that assessment might provide the information that is being sought already.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Randy Sandberg, EMS Director, regarding notice of approval for a KRAF Grant. Mr. Sandberg mentioned that the commissioners had signed off on the application for the grant a few months ago and that they had just received word that the grant had been approved. He added that this grant would pay 75% of the cost for 3 stair chairs while the county would need to pay the remaining 25% of the cost.

On motion (21-113) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the payment of the 25% portion of the cost of 3 Ferno E-Z Glide Stair Chairs in the amount of \$2,539.02 while the 75% portion will be paid by a KRAF Grant.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding new information received on the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Emerson mentioned that there was a zoom meeting a few weeks ago and that in the past few days more guidance has been received on the information that the county needs to provide in order to get their initial payment that should be issued in a few weeks. Mr. Emerson stated that he has gathered much of this information and he knows that this will involve a lot of record keeping on our end and that we may need to involve more people in the record keeping process.

Commissioner Johnson stated that he listened in on a phone meeting that discussed this program and that NACO has been working with the U.S. Treasury on the guidance for local government. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that he participated in a County Recovery Task Force meeting and they were discussing how some of this money should be invested in the community for the best.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated the he and Jim Emerson, Alyssa Edwards and Billy Kavanagh will be meeting with representatives of Apex to review the road use agreement and how their plans on the wind farm are proceeding.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated the he is looking at an issue on 140th Street that is becoming dangerous between 590th and 610th Streets. Mr. Blair stated that since it is failing it would be good to dig some of that out and put out signs to let the public know that the road will be rough.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson regarding some unclaimed property that shows up on the Kansas Dept. of Revenue's Unclaimed Property website. Mr. Johnson stated that he had a list of those claims and he will be checking them out with individual departments.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle regarding the SEK Regional County Officials Meeting in Yates Center on April 22, 2021. Mr. Pyle stated that the registration is from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM with meetings starting at 10:00 AM. Mr. Pyle stated that these meetings are a good place to talk about local issues with other county officials and are helpful in figuring out ways to address problems. Commissioners Blair and Johnson thought that they would attend.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that the Girard Museum has been working on a lot of improvements recently. Mr. Blair also mentioned that the Girard Community Cleanup is scheduled for the next weekend and he is working on having a place for tires to be placed and having Champlin pick up those tires and take them to the landfill.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair regarding security cameras that will be placed at some county facilities. There was a discussion of how this can help secure some areas.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 27, 2021 – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator presenting the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 22, 2021 – SEK Regional County Officials Meeting in Yates Center with registration starting at 9:00 AM and meetings starting at 10:00 AM. The 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 Johnson to adjourn the [April 16, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:51 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by DPP 4/16/2021 at 10:51 AM, Amended by DPP 4/19/2021 at 3:24 PM