

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **THIRTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, April 21, 2020 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

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

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-180) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **April 17, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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 20	176	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 14, 2020 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 597884 to 598119 dated April 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$439,947.31
Motion 20	177	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the sign department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:36 AM
Motion 20	178	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the sign department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Dale Shireman and to reconvene by 10:47 AM

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Motion 20	179	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss Emergency Management and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners with an update on the COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Adamson stated that there have been no new COVID-19 cases in Crawford County. She stated that on the state map it states that Crawford County has tested 318 individuals for the COVID-19 as of yesterday around 3:00 PM. Ms. Adamson stated that Crawford County has had 6 cases total with 1 death and the rest of the cases are all out of isolation and that there are currently 8 or 10 persons under investigation which are awaiting results. Ms. Adamson discussed the Governor's stay at home order expiring on May 3, 2020. She addressed having a work session with the Commissioners to discuss a plan for Crawford County that will take place after the May 3, 2020 date. She explained that she has not yet received guidance from the state on this issue and she hopes to receive this before the expiration date. She said that she would like to hold the work session on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 9:00 and would like to have Sheriff Smith, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins present also. Mr. Akins stated that during a conference call he was informed that some guidance from the state should be out by the end of the week or early next week. Ms. Adamson said that she has applied for a \$25,000 Kansas Health Foundation Grant to help pay for testing and supplies. Commissioner Johnson stated that he spoke with Shawn Naccarato at PSU who is also the Economic Development Coordinator at the City of Pittsburg and Mr. Naccarato would like to engage the community in working together on planning what will take place after the May 3, 2020 date. The Commissioners and Ms. Adamson discussed having a call with interested parties and how this could take place. They discussed the current order Crawford County is under and how to alter this order and make sure that it is ready to put into effect at 12:00 AM on May 4, 2020. The Commissioner scheduled a work session on April 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM to discuss the development of a plan to use after the current executive order expires.

Sheriff Smith stated that in planning for an order the message still needs to be that the threat of the virus is still out there and not to be complacent. He stated that he is trying to protect the inmates and his first responders and to ease back into it.

Ms. Jessica Ripper, Girard Chamber of Commerce Director, addressed the Commissioners and stated that she feels the longer we are restrictive, the more people are going to start breaking rules as some of the businesses have been closed down for over a month. She stated that when the changes are made after the May 3, 2020 expiration of the Governor's order that the small businesses somehow need to be opened up partially.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Don Pyle discussed emails that he forwarded to the Commissioners.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed the issues with K7 Highway. Sheriff Smith discussed the GPS Systems for vehicles routing traffic through Girard. He stated he has been compiling information and so far, this year, there have been 9 semi-trucks roll over or leave the highway on K7 Hwy. He said that has not calculated man hours for these accidents. He explained that only 1 of these accidents had an injury and it was a minor injury. Sheriff Smith stated that something is needed from the state level to show that K7 Highway is a narrow road as he believes that the travelers do not know that it is narrow. He explained that curves, hills, grade variations and the narrowness of the road are all factors in the accidents. He stated that he feels that the only way to fix this is to get some enhancements on the north end and route traffic down a different highway. He stated that during one of the accidents on K7 Highway, at least 25 semis had to be re-routed and this is due to the GPS system routing the trucks down K7 Highway. He wants to compile his own stats on these accidents due to the way the state reports their stats as there must be an injury or over \$1000 property damage for the state to include it in their report. Sheriff Smith feels the quickest fix is changing the GPS routing. Mr. Emerson stated that the 10-foot restriction change and getting this restriction in the GPS system will take care of part of this issue. Commissioner Blair thanked Sheriff Smith for putting his time and effort into this situation.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Certification of Substantial Completion from Contractor Heck & Wicker, Inc. and Engineer Earles Engineering & Inspection, Inc. on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Emerson stated that as of March 30, 2020 substantial completion was met and signed off by the engineer and the contractor. Commissioner Blair was answered that the change due to the fencing will be in a different change order.

On motion (20-181) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Certification of Substantial Completion from Contractor Heck & Wicker, Inc. and Engineer Earles Engineering & Inspection, Inc. and Change Order #5 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson addressed Federal Fund Exchange money and requesting money from the state when paying for the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and he suggested that the County ask for reimbursement of the total amount which would be 2 years of federal fund money. He explained how the

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money would be managed. Commissioner Blair stated that this would be the safe way to go.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson discussed a cancer and hospital indemnity plan offered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He will readdress this on Friday.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair stated that he would like to meet with Asphalt Foreman Mr. Chiartano to discuss asphalt numbers. The other Commissioners agreed

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the landfill is back open and reported on how the opening is going. He stated that the rules and guidelines have been in place for a long time but just have gotten lax in following them. He suggested keeping the Crawford County Employee to assist at the landfill there until the governor's order expires on May 3, 2020 and businesses open back up and a new plan is decided. The reopening of the casino was discussed.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson discussed budget and revenue projection changes and the process of compiling the budget for 2021. Mr. Pyle explained the process of distributing budget information for prior years and the year to date. He stated that this is all used by departments as they put together their budget requests.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair asked about the status of the Crawford County Tax Sale and Mr. Emerson stated that he spoke with Judge Brunetti and she stated that it is not necessary to have the sale reposted but he will make the public aware of the rescheduled date which could possibly be in June.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair addressed the landfill contract and Mr. Emerson stated he has not heard anything in the last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 24, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on closing and vacating an unnamed alley in the Town of Opolis.

Item Two: April 28, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session with County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson to discuss a plan to use for the safety of county residents after expiration of the Governor's Executive Order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will allow only limited public access through May 3, 2020. The offices are operating to assist the public by email and telephone.

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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 21, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:22 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 BKW 4/21/2020 11:22 AM/amended BKW 4/23/2020 3:00 PM](#)