

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, April 24, 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 (20-182) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the April 21, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. 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:

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 20, 180, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 17, 2020 minutes. Row 2: Motion 20, 181, 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.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

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 pandemic. She stated that she has had quite a few interested

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parties in the work session that is scheduled for 9:00 AM on April 28, 2020. She discussed a public platform on PSU Radio in coordination with Mr. Shawn Naccarato through Block 22 that will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020. She explained what will take place during the program. There was a discussion of the Work Session on Tuesday and the public will be able to watch the meeting live and ask questions via email. Ms. Adamson discussed testing and the different types of testing and how many tests Crawford County has conducted. The Commissioners and Ms. Adamson discussed the work session to be held on Tuesday and it was decided to begin the work session at 8:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM.

Crawford County Mental Health Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Cares Act to support health care related entities due to COVID-19. He discussed the stimulus money received and stated that it was based on 2019 Medicare payments. He explained that the funds were to be divided between EMS, the Mental Health Department and the Health Department with EMS receiving \$53,558.40, Mental Health receiving \$6,590.26 and the Health Department receiving \$1,961.44. Mr. Ehling stated that the money is to be used for health care expenses and revenue losses. EMS Director Sandberg stated that this money is to cover the shortfall in collections and he would like to put it into the EMS Reserve fund.

Mr. Ehling gave an update on the Mental Health Department. He discussed the Challenger program, Discovery Program and the reopening of the Addiction Treatment Center. He also discussed revenue losses due to the COVID-19.

Mr. Sandberg gave an update on his department and stated that collections have been steady but payments are 6 months behind billings so he cannot see how the collections for this month will turn out for about 6 months. He explained that he would like to put the stimulus money in their reserve fund. He stated that calls have been increasing since hospitals have opened general surgeries back up and transfer calls have increased.

Sheriff Danny Smith stated that his office is in the process of going through protocols they need to have in place to open back up. He spoke about a grant he is applying for. He also spoke about putting masks in tornado shelters due to the time of the year. He stated that he is still running the Sheriff's assistance program and has had a lot of repeat customers. He feels that the partnership between the organizations should be applauded and also the public and how they have worked together in this pandemic.

Commissioner Blair asked about the tornado shelters and Sheriff Smith stated that everything is operational and stated they have had questions from the public and the stay at home order in the instance of a tornado and he has told them to do as they normally would in inclement weather and to take precautions as masks and gloves are available. Commissioner Blair addressed a list of shelters for the public and Sheriff Smith will work on getting a list of shelters available to the public.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

**Item One:** Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas. Mr. Emerson explained where the alley is located and that the same landowner owns the property on both sides of this platted alley.

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**On motion (20-183)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to open the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (20-184)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to close the Public Hearing on closing and vacating a platted alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

County Counselor Jim Emerson explained the reasoning for the vacation request.

Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2020-007, A Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS  
GIRARD, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-007

A RESOLUTION CLOSING AND VACATING A PLATTED ALLEY IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF OPOLIS, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, there is laid out and established in Crawford County, Kansas a certain alley under the jurisdiction of the County, lying over and across the following described real estate:

A portion of unnamed alley located adjacent to and West of Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) and East of Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16) all in Block Nineteen (19) in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof;

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning closing said alley was held on Friday, April 24, 2020 and all interested parties were given an opportunity to present arguments for and against said alley closing;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published one time in the official County newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners finds that notice has been given as required by K.S.A. § 58-2613 and that the public will suffer no loss or inconvenience by such vacation and that no private rights will be injured or endangered thereby.

Section 2: Pursuant to K.S.A. § 58-2614, the above-described platted alley hereby is formally closed and vacated and the land comprising said alley shall and does hereby revert to the adjoining landowners in the same proportion as it was originally taken, subject and reserving unto the County and any public utilities, however, any rights-of-way and easements for public service facilities and utilities which are in existence and in use across said alley.

Section 3: The County Clerk is hereby directed to enter a record of these proceedings, as reflected in this Resolution, on the Journal of the Board of County Commissioners and to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Register

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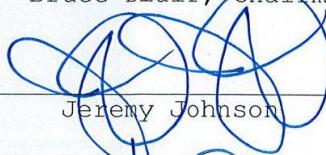
of Deeds office.

Section 4: The County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each owner of the adjoining real estate to whom the property is being transferred, at the address where the owner's tax statement is sent.

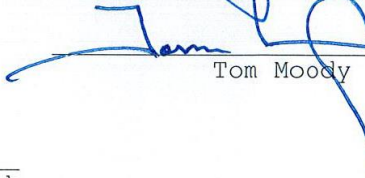
ADOPTED, APPROVED AND GIVEN under our hands at the Courthouse in Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, this 24th day of April, 2020.



Bruce Blair, Chairman

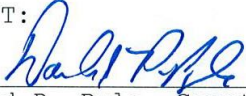


Jeremy Johnson



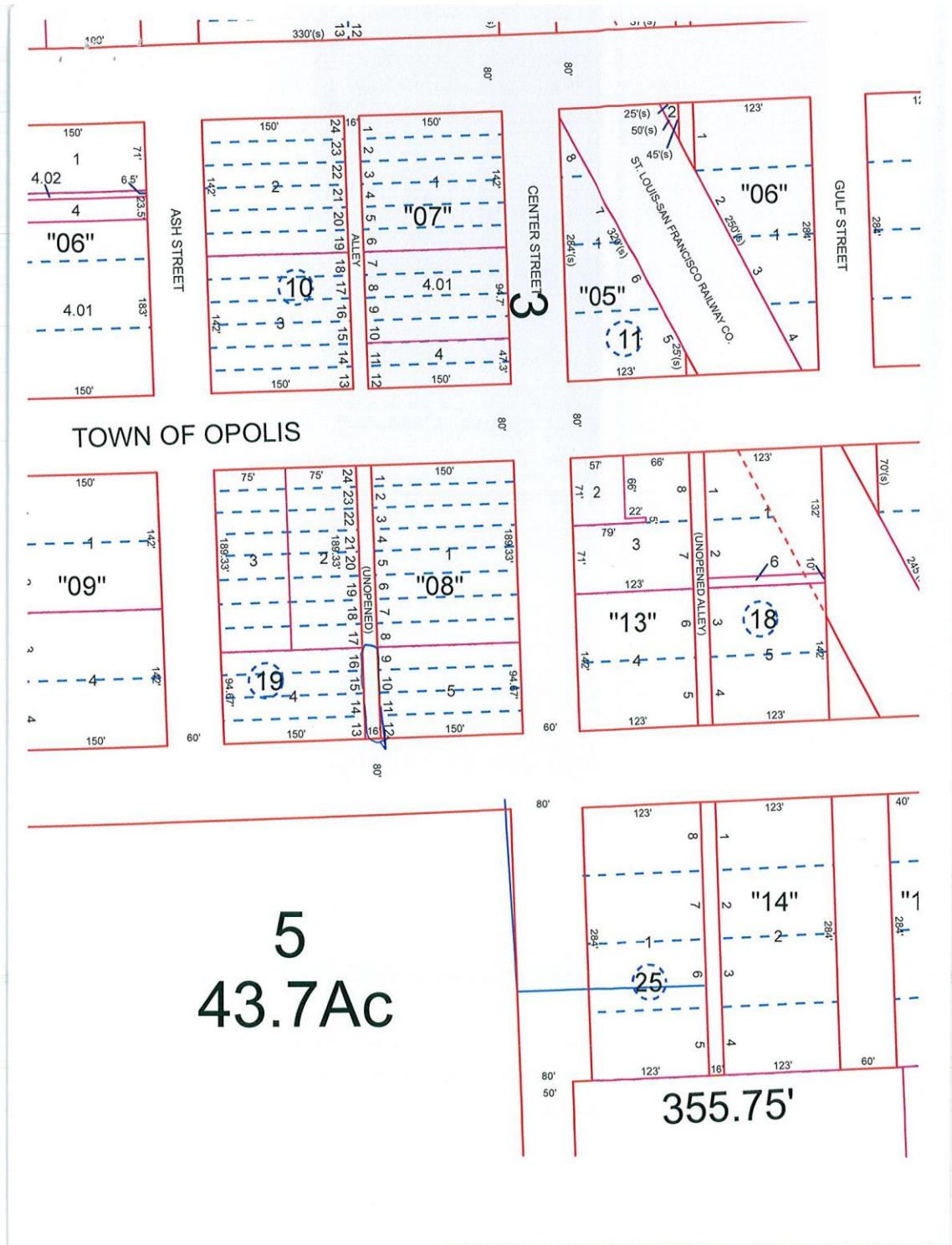
Tom Moody

ATTEST:



Donald P. Pyle, County Clerk

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**On motion (20-185)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2020-007, A Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley in the Town of Opolis, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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**The motion prevailed.**

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

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that during the conference call with the Kansas Secretary Of State's Office it was stated that as part of the stimulus bill, money was sent to the state to help local election offices with COVID-19 issues. He said that during the conference call the SOS office discussed a statewide advanced ballot application mailing. Mr. Pyle stated that there could be increased expenses with the elections due the COVID-19 and the federal government though the state will help out with some of the additional expenses with these funds.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated that he researched plexiglass to put on the counters in his office for the protection of his employees and customers. He explained that the shields have already been ordered but not sure of the delivery date. Mr. Pyle stated that he discussed this issue with County Treasurer Joe Grisolano and Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins. Commissioner Blair requested that Mr. Pyle contact the other offices within the courthouse to check on their needs with plexiglass.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody stated that he would like to have a work session with elected officials and department heads in reference to employees returning to work. The Commissioners scheduled a work session at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 1, 2020.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody stated that he had an individual contact him about Crawford County gas prices being more expensive than the surrounding counties. Mr. Emerson stated that the Attorney General's Office would handle this issue and he can contact that office with the concerns.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair addressed a public road that has limited access and is a hazard due to the excessive rain. He spoke about gating the road and giving the landowners that need access a key to the gate. Mr. Emerson stated that he spoke to a representative from KAC and was informed that it is something that can be done as it is not a publicly traveled road and it is a safety issue. Mr. Emerson will be receiving information on this issue. Mr. Blair discussed a certain road with this issue and what has taken place that could be a liability for the county.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair commended the City of Girard on the newly asphalted roads around the courthouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Commissioner Johnson asked about the status of the APEX Clean Energy project and Mr. Emerson stated that APEX has designated a person that will deal with the county on road issues and they have spoken to Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa

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Edwards and Mr. Emerson will make that information available to the Commissioners. Mr. Emerson stated that APEX has contacted Mr. Grisolano about payment information.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson stated that State Representative Monica Murnane will be at the work session on Tuesday.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-186)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody 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 11:21 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:11 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-187)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody 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 and the County Shop purchasing card and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Road and Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards and to reconvene by 11:32 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:22 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **OLD BUSINESS: continued**

**Item Three:** The Commissioners had a conference call with BC/BS Representative Cristy Mitchell about a secure cancer and a secure hospital indemnity policy that BC/BS offers. Ms. Mitchell explained the coverages. Commissioner Moody was answered that on the Hospital Indemnity Plan there is no day limit just a limit of up to \$250,000 in payments to the insured. Ms. Mitchell stated that it covers eligible children up to age 23



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and that it does not cost the county anything and just requires a monthly payment by the employee. The Commissioners agreed to offer this to their employees.

## Secure 300 Cancer Plan<sup>SM</sup>

Get paid for cancer screenings and treatment

**Secure 300 Cancer Plan (Secure 300)** provides the extra coverage you need for cancer screenings and treatment.

- » **Wellness screenings** – Receive \$50 for any of the applicable wellness screenings<sup>1</sup>.
- » **Inpatient benefits** – \$300 for each day of inpatient hospital cancer care.
- » **Outpatient benefits** – \$100 each day for the following outpatient services: surgery, chemotherapy (excluding oral), radiation therapy and surgical endoscopic procedures.
- » **Easy claim filing** – simply submit your Cancer Plan Claim Form (found in your policy packet and on bcbsks.com) as instructed. We will promptly send your payment and you choose how to spend your cash benefit.
- » **Pays in addition to your other coverages** – benefits are paid regardless of how much you receive from other health insurance, including Medicare.
- » **Dependent children covered until age 23.**
- » **Exclusions** – benefits will not be provided for medical, surgical or hospital services, drugs and devices.

<sup>1</sup>Applicable Wellness Screenings: \$50 benefit paid one time per year, per insured (age 18 and over) for breast ultrasound, breast MRI, mammograms, CA 15-3 (blood test for breast cancer), pap smear, thinprep, biopsy, CEA (blood test for colon cancer), testicular ultrasound, thermography, flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, virtual colonoscopy, hemmocolt stool specimen.

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### Why you should consider Secure 300

In 2018, the American Cancer Society estimates that 1,735,350 Americans will be diagnosed with cancer.\* Cancer does not discriminate. Men and women of all ages and all ethnic backgrounds are at risk of developing cancer.

\* [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) (Cancer Facts and Figures 2018)

### Secure 300 Cancer Plan

#### Affordable monthly premiums

Individual (under age 65)	\$5.57
Individual & children	\$8.22
Individual & spouse	\$9.27
Individual, spouse & children	\$13.14
Individual (age 65 & over)	\$8.82

See other side for Secure Hospital Indemnity Plan >



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## Secure Hospital Indemnity Plan<sup>SM</sup>

Cash paid directly to you if you're hospitalized

**Secure Hospital Indemnity Plan (S-HIP)** provides financial security when you need it most.

- » **Cash benefits begin on first day** – receive \$50 per day (day 1 to 3). *If hospitalization is due to an accident, you receive \$200 per day starting on day 1.*
- » **Benefits continue and increase** – receive \$200 per day (day 4 to 365).
- » **Pays double when in ICU** – \$200 benefit doubles to \$400 per day when you're admitted in intensive care or a coronary unit within a hospital.
- » **Easy to apply** – no medical exam required and no health questions to answer.
- » **Simple claim filing** – simply submit your Hospital Indemnity Plan Claim Form (found in your policy packet and on [bcbsks.com](http://bcbsks.com)) as instructed. We will promptly send your payment and choose how to spend your cash benefit.
- » **Use your cash benefits for anything** – benefits are paid directly to you. Pay for gas, meals, lodging for family or anything else you choose.
- » **Dependent children covered until age 23.**
- » **Exclusions** – The first 365 days of a hospital stay after the date this coverage becomes effective for the insured, if that particular hospital stay was in progress on the date this coverage became effective for the insured; any portion of a hospital admission that is primarily for skilled nursing care (including swing beds) rather than acute; admission for the primary purpose of performing acupuncture; admission for dental care; admissions that are not medically necessary; inpatient skilled care, intermediate care, convalescent care, custodial/maintenance care or rest cures; and admission to rehabilitation facilities (not acute care).

### Why you should consider S-HIP protection

Average hospital stay for respiratory infections or pneumonia... **5.48 days\***

Average hospital stay for bypass surgery or cardiac catheterization..... **7.72 days\***

Average hospital stay for kidney and urinary tract infections..... **4.95 days\***

*\*Based on BCBSKS 2017 claims data. Actual number of days will vary depending on each person's medical condition.*

### Secure Hospital Indemnity Plan

Affordable monthly premiums

Age	Individual	Individual & Children	Individual & Spouse	Individual, Spouse & Children
Under 30	\$3.23	\$5.41	\$5.88	\$7.21
30-34	3.86	6.17	7.14	8.64
35-39	3.93	6.27	7.30	8.80
40-44	4.33	6.44	8.48	9.65
45-49	4.55	6.71	8.94	10.11
50-54	5.27	7.25	10.85	11.69
55-59	7.25	9.78	15.17	16.00
60-64	8.12	11.01	17.07	17.84
65 & over	19.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

See other side for Secure 300 Cancer Plan >

**On motion (20-188)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve allowing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas to offer a Secure Cancer policy and a Secure Hospital Indemnity policy to Crawford County Employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson addressed the limit on the purchasing card for County Shop. Mr. Emerson stated that it currently has a limit of \$1,000 and he would like the limit to be increased to \$2,500.

**On motion (20-189)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to increase the credit limit on the County Shop purchasing credit card through GNBANK to \$2,500.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: April 28, 2020 – 8:00 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.

**Item Two: May 1, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Elected Officials and Department Heads in reference to employees returning to work.

#### **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.**

### **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 24, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:43 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.**

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**Don Pyle**

County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**  
Taken by [BKW 4/24/2020 11:43 AM/amended BKW 4/27/2020 3:30 PM](#)