

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, April 27, 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 (21-125) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 23, 2021 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 21	119	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 20, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	120	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:52 AM
Motion 21	121	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:06 AM
Motion 21	122	To approve the 2021 Museum Funding as recommended by the Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board

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Motion 21	123	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Commercial Appraiser under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 11:43 AM
Motion 21	124	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the county vehicles under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Attorney Reina Probert and to reconvene by 12:10 PM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator presenting the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget. He stated that the 11th Judicial District rates #6 in the State as far as numbers go. He explained that Crawford County has approximately 290 cases under Community Corrections supervision with 189 cases being active and the rest of the cases being transferred to another district in the state or out of state. He stated that normally there are 3 intensive supervision officers but at this time there is 1 open position they are getting ready to fill and those 3 officers handle the 290 cases. He explained that is roughly 95 cases per officer and that is too many. Mr. Young said that it is proposed and written into the budget an additional \$65,000 to hire another officer for Crawford County. He explained the training his staff has been going through. He discussed the number of women currently in the system. He explained that in prior years he has presented 2 plans, the Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget and the Behavioral Health Grant Application but this year it is all included in one. He stated that they are requesting \$140,302.29 this year to continue these services. He said that the officers are currently using Zoom for supervising clients but since the COVID-19 numbers are down they are looking into starting back with face-to-face visits.

On motion (21-126) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (21-127) of Commissioner Johnson 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson addressed the Sick Leave Pool Committee and stated that there is a vacancy on the Committee and stated that Undersheriff Scott Tyrell has agreed to serve on the committee.

On motion (21-128) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Undersheriff Scott Tyrell to the Sick Leave Pool Committee.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson addressed county land banks and presented a sample resolution from Jefferson County setting up a county land bank. He explained that the only thing that is required to set up a land bank is a resolution and the appointment of a board of trustees and in most counties the trustees are the County Commissioners. He stated that the land bank is subject to budget law and cash basis law. He discussed how land can be donated to the land bank and land put in the bank from tax sale properties. He explained that any city can donate land to the County land bank except for the cities that have their own land banks. Mr. Emerson stated that any property put into the land bank will have the taxes waved and any past special assessments removed with the exception of any special assessments for public improvement and those assessments have to remain in place. He explained how the land bank will be a separate budget item. He stated that if the Commissioners wish to move forward with this, he will prepare a resolution for Friday for Commissioners to review. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Emerson proceed with the resolution.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed the tire program held last Friday and Saturday. He stated that it went really well and a huge number of tires were received. Mr. Pyle stated that County Sanitarian Bill Towery is contacting Champlin Tire Recycling

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about picking up the tires. Commissioner Blair also discussed dumping of larger items out in the county and the possibility of a drop off location in the County. Commissioner Moody stated that having a drop off location for the public to bring their larger items to would be much better than picking these items up from the county ditches or under the bridges.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair discussed purchasing a format printer for signage. He will look into this further. He also discussed promoting tourism and bringing people into the county.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody stated that he received a letter from a resident praising the Crawford County Health Department and it is nice to know that they are doing a great job. The Commissioners read the letter.

Item Six: Commissioner Moody stated that he will be attending the Juvenile Detention quarterly meeting tonight and will report on the meeting Friday. Commissioner Blair stated that he will be attending a CTECH meeting in the morning.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that they will be sending out budget worksheets to all the departments next week. He discussed Senate Bill 13 and the revenue rate. Mr. Pyle said he will request that the department heads have their budget amount returned to him by the end of May. He also stated he will be contacting the county auditor Terry Sercer. He discussed different workshops that he will be attending on budget preparation.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair stated that Shop Foreman Josh Peak has some information ready on trucks and he will pick up the information and discuss it on Friday.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair stated that he contacted a KDOT Representative about issues on Highway 7. He stated that they discussed the Highway 126 and Highway 7 Junction south of Girard and a traffic study being done on that intersection. He stated that they spoke about the possibility of installing a flashing red light at this intersection due to drivers not stopping at the stop sign and the representative stated he would see if KDOT will approve the flashing light. Commissioner Blair also said that Highway 7 from Girard to the Walnut Englevale Road is part of the bike trail. He stated that due to the issues with the road and the truck traffic, he spoke to Mr. Roger Lomshek this morning to see if they could re-route the bike trail on this stretch of road until the improvements to Highway 7 are made. Commissioner Blair stated that the project on the road improvements for Highway 7 will be bid out in March of 2023. He said that the representative from KDOT stated that the 511-system alert bulletin has had GPS re-route some of the truck traffic down 69 Highway so there has been some decline in truck traffic on Highway 7. He stated that the representative also stated that there have been discussions with the Highway Patrol that if there is an increase in truck traffic on Highway 7, possibly doing some scale checks.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson stated that he spoke to Ms. Monica Murnan regarding the child care study and she would like to give a presentation on May 14, 2021, to discuss the findings of this study.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Clerk Don Pyle requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-129) of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss the Fiscal Clerk's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle and to reconvene by 11:29 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 11:14 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (21-130) of Commissioner Johnson 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address the county budget and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:44 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 11:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:41 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-131) of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss employee raises under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:57 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 30, 2021 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign April bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: May 14, 2021 – Ms. Monica Murnan and Ms. Ann Elliott, Family Resource Center giving presentation on Child Care Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 3, 2021 – 12:30 PM Ground Breaking Ceremony at Community Health Center of SEK for new Clinical Education Building. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Two: May 11, 2021 – 1:00 PM Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative “Flip the Switch” on two Heartland Electric Cooperative Sun Farms at 925 W Hwy 47, Girard. All three 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 27, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:58 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 4/27/2021 11:58 AM/amended BKW 11/28/2021 1:00 PM