

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, SIXTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, August 14, 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.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-328) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the August 11, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the August 11, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Canvassers, 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.

(MOTIONS 20-319, 20-320, 20-321 AND 20-327 WERE USED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS)

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 Canvass, 319, To accept the Unofficial Election Results Report from the 2020 Primary Election held on August 4, 2020 in Crawford County as presented by the Crawford County Election Officer. Row 2: Motion 20 Canvass, 320, To approve 108 Provisional Ballots for full counting and 8 Provisional Ballots for partial counting from the 2020 Primary Election held on August 4, 2020 in Crawford County as recommended by the Crawford County Election Officer.

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Motion 20 Canvass	321	To recess the meeting of the Board of Canvassers and conduct the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners after a 5-minute break and reconvene the meeting of the Board of Canvassers after the regular meeting
Motion 20	322	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 7, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	323	To approve the Indicators for Models of Learning as presented by the County Health Officers
Motion 20	324	To approve the SPARK Reimbursement Applications and the Direct Funding Applications and the Small Business/Not for Profit Grant Program allocations as presented by Mike Bodensteiner, Director of the SEK Regional Education Service Center at Greenbush
Motion 20	325	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 discuss landfill negotiations and windfarms and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:25 AM
Motion 20	326	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 discuss budget requests and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:30 AM
Motion 20 Canvass	327	To accept the Final Results Report for the 2020 Primary Election held on August 4, 2020, as presented by the County Election Officer and the Report of the Write-In Votes for the 2020 Primary Election as presented by the County Election Officer

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Director Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. She explained that Crawford County currently has 19 cases in isolation and 72 in quarantine and as of Wednesday the county has had 405 total cases. She stated that Via Christi Hospital has 3 positive cases, 1 person under investigation and no individuals on a ventilator and Girard Medical Center has no positives, no PUI's and no one on a ventilator. Ms. Adamson stated that the 3 new epi nurses are on board and all will be started by Monday. She said that she has emailed all the school district nurses and she will be informing the school nurses on Monday which epi nurse will be assigned to their district. She stated that PSU will be doing a lot of testing this weekend and explained that they have had a couple of positives that were sent home to isolate and none were Crawford County residents and those cases will not count into Crawford County numbers. Commissioner Johnson asked about isolation for the students that would be staying in Crawford County and Ms. Adamson stated that PSU has a MOU with LaQuinta Inn for that issue. She discussed the inspections at the local schools.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

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Item One: Mr. Wayne Gudmonson, KDOT District IV Engineer and Ms. Kristy Kelley, KDOT Community Affairs Manager addressed the Commissioners with an update. Commissioner Johnson asked about the time line on the 69 Highway Arma Connection. Mr. George Dockery, KDOT Area IV Engineer stated that the job is running on schedule and could possibly be done by late next fall. He explained that the second part of the project from Arma to the Bourbon County line will be advertised for bids this October and all the right of ways have been purchased for this part and they are currently working on moving utilities. Mr. Dockery discussed some issues that arose on the Arma Connection. Commissioner Blair addressed the issues with Highway 7 from Girard to Farlington and Mr. Dockery stated that the project has been selected. Mr. Gudmonson stated the last he had seen was that they are looking into adding 3 foot shoulder but not sure when the project will start but he knows that there has been real outcry for a need for repair. Mr. Dockery stated that they are looking into some interim measures. Mr. Gudmonson stated that he has requested that traffic engineering do a speed study due to a Crawford County citizen's request to lower the speed limit on that highway but stated that he believes the current speed limit is adequate. He also discussed some similar situations in other areas and what was done to correct the situation. Mr. Dockery reported on some other KDOT projects in Crawford County. He also reported on some future projects in the county. Commissioner Moody congratulated Mr. Dockery on his retirement and thanked him for all the hard work he has done for Crawford County.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the July 2020 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of July. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the June 2020 to July 2020 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures.

On motion (20-329) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the July 2020 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson gave an update on the SPARK funding. He stated that Greenbush is inputting all the data into the state portal and the goal is to submit it by late today or tomorrow. He discussed economic development grants and the 2nd round of funding. He stated that Mr. Mike Bodensteiner will be at the Commissioner

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meeting on Tuesday to discuss the 2nd round of SPARK funding. He also discussed the CDGB CV grant and stated that Ms. Susan Galemore from SEK Regional Planning Commission stated that she is happy to assist in completing the applications and the deadline for applications is the end of August.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson addressed the CDBG-CV committee applications. Mr. Pyle will gather the applications and the Commissioners will readdress later in the meeting.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated that Shop Foreman Josh Peak has a list of equipment and vehicles to be sold on Purple Wave and he will get the list from Mr. Peak and readdress on Tuesday.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair stated that he had a citizen tell him how nice and helpful it is to receive the letters to landowners about upcoming road work.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the 2021 County Budget and the Commissioners decided to recess the open session for a period of 30 minutes for a budget work session later in the meeting.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson addressed the Fire District 2021 Budgets and Mr. Pyle stated that he does not have those completed yet but will have them on Tuesday.

Item Three: Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the Commissioners about the condition of the roof at the Sheriff's office and he stated that he has received bids. Commissioner Blair suggested that Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz attend the meeting on Tuesday to address the bids.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-330) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson via phone call and to reconvene by 11:15 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 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 (20-331) 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 the Noxious Weed Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:26 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 11:16 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-332) 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 evaluation process under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 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 11:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

On motion (20-333) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session to hold a work session on the 2021 County Budget and to reconvene at 12:05 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioner reconvened the Regular Session at 12:05 PM.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Item One continued:

On motion (20-334) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County 2021 Budget for publication with a hearing date set for August 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse in Girard is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until further notice. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but residents may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center for motor vehicle and tax payments to be processed at the courthouse.

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 [August 14, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:10 PM 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 8/14/2020 12:10 PM/amended BKW 8/17/2020 2:30 PM](#)