

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, SIXTY SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, August 31, 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 (21-273) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the August 27, 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	272	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 24, 2021 minutes
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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: Crawford County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. Dr. Tim Stebbins, Public Health Officer, updated the numbers of people in the county that are in isolation due to a COVID infection and the numbers of people in quarantine. He also discussed the current impact on the local healthcare system and that there are some beds available but that there aren't enough staff to maintain care on additional patients. It was discussed

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that the addition of 6 to the number of deaths is partially due to a reconciliation with KDHE that found a few county residents that died at hospitals outside the area. Dr. Stebbins stated that the contact tracing staff are able to handle the current caseload and that they are also working closely with the local schools to help manage and mitigate infections of students and staff that are increasing, although most of the new infections appear to be happening outside the schools. He stated that the numbers of new infections appear to be leveling out but that the Labor Holiday travel could cause a new spike in infections in the 2 to 3 week period following the holiday.

Dr. Stebbins wanted to emphasize that there is not a mask mandate in place and that the advice that has been given to local schools and other facilities are recommendations and there is nothing in place to demand compliance. It was discussed that the county health officers facilitate a conference call each week that includes dozens of local healthcare providers and is open to anyone that wishes to participate. Dr. Stebbins stated that this call is an open conversation and the health care professionals provide input on ways to collaborate to manage and mitigate infections in the area.

Ms. Teddi VanKam, Public Health Director, reviewed the number of vaccination doses given in the county and stated that there are currently 98 12 year olds vaccinated in the county and 963 of the 13 to 17 year olds in the county are vaccinated. She also discussed current vaccination clinics being held and the third shot and booster doses. There was a discussion of the current shortage of nurses in the area and in many parts of the nation which is partially caused by COVID making it harder to finish some training. There was also a discussion that the number of deaths has increased in the last couple of months.

It was discussed that with the holiday weekend coming up that the health officials did not need to report to the commissioners in the next week unless there are some new developments that need to be discussed with the commissioners. The gating criteria will be updated next week and will be available online. The health officials agreed that they would not be back to see the commissioners until Sept. 14, unless they need to.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator, regarding the FY 2022 Carryover Reimbursement Budget. Mr. Young explained that money is accumulated in this fund as the Community Corrections office receives reimbursements for some expenses that they pay for clients to have drug tests or for rent deposits that may or may not be repaid by clients. It was discussed that several years ago the state started to allow those funds to be retained locally to be used for certain office expenses.

On motion (21-274) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections FY 2022 Carryover Reimbursement Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that the new loader has been delivered and that the chip & seal crew is working on 530th Street today. Mr. Blair stated that Dale Shireman is working on having the striping done this fall. Mr. Blair also stated that a smoke sealer will be applied to a few roads in the county as well.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody asked if there were any developments on a property the county is wanting to purchase in the Chicopee area. Commissioner Blair stated that he is waiting on a proposal for the demolition of that structure and there are a few details to be worked out regarding the demolition and disposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding the work session that is scheduled for Friday with the Road & Bridge foremen. Mr. Emerson stated that he knows 1 of the foremen will be out of town on that date. The commissioners discussed that it was going to be hard to meet on that date due to equipment issues which will make it hard for the foremen to be at the work session and they decided to move it to September 10. Mr. Blair stated that the Road & Bridge crews should start working from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM again after the Labor Day Holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

On motion (21-275) 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 Mental Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:01 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 10:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:02 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: September 10, 2021 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Road & Bridge Foremen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: September 6, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [August 31, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:04 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 8/31/2021 at 11:04 AM, Amended by DPP 9/02/2021 at 2:28 PM