

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [ELEVENTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS [Tuesday, February 11, 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 (20-067) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [February 7, 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	61	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 50 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 9:57 AM
Motion 20	62	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 4, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	63	To approve the Proclamation of February 8, 2020 as Jake Holmes Day in Crawford County
Motion 20	64	To approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Ehling to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board
Motion 20	65	To approve the reappointment of Mr. John W Lehman as a non-lawyer member of the Eleventh District Judicial Nominating Commission

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Motion 20	66	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:39 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Opening of the Communications Tower Fence bids. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that there were 4 bids received. Mr. Pyle opened and read the following bids:

Home Center Construction	\$20,780.00
Jones Construction	\$10,040.00
Mid Central Contract Services Inc	\$17,456.00
Tri-State Building & Supply Co Inc	\$17,205.00

The Commissioners asked Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz to review the bids and return to the Commissioners with a recommendation on Friday.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Jon Prideaux and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2018 tax rolls. Mr. Pyle stated that the truck was tagged as a 16-20M truck and a 12M regular truck in 2018.

On motion (20-068) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Jon Prideaux and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2018 tax rolls 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 Two: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the January 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 January. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the December 2019 to January 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.

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On motion (20-069) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the January 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 Three: Mr. Pyle addressed the Kansas Surplus property list of authorized purchasers. There was a discussion of the items that Kansas Surplus property has for sale. Mr. Pyle discussed which employees were previously on the list and asked the Commissioner who they would like to have added to the list. The Commissioners stated they all would like to be listed, all 3 Road Foreman and Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano. Mr. Pyle stated that the list can also be amended during the year if necessary.

Item Four: Commissioner Tom Moody addressed the need for a 1-ton dump truck for the Road and Bridge Department. The Commissioners will discuss this issue with their road foremen.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody addressed the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Emerson stated that he has not had an update recently but will work on this.

Item Six: Commissioner Moody addressed the status of the opioid lawsuit. Mr. Emerson stated that the County's attorney should be here on February 21, 2020 to discuss this issue in an executive session.

Item Seven: Commissioner Blair stated that there is a Kansas Power Alliance meeting at Dalton's Back Nine in Chanute beginning at 6:00 PM this evening. He stated that he will be attending along with his road foreman Bill Kavanagh. Commissioner Johnson stated that he will also be attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the Parks and Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol funding. The Commissioners stated that they will address this at Friday's meeting to make their decisions. Mr. Pyle discussed the Parks and Recreation funding and stated that in the past years that fund amount has been divided evenly by all organizations requesting money but it can be changed to divide by request amount if the Commissioners wish to do this. There was a discussion on the elderly funds on the amount requested versus the funds available.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody discussed the Landfill Contract and Mr. Emerson stated he expects an update from the County's attorney and he will check on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-070) of Commissioner Moody 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:00 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 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS continued

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Judge Jennifer Brunetti addressed the Commissioners about the jury room on the 3rd Floor and some changes she would like to have done with the wall structure and ceiling structure to make some storage room and also to block the sound from the IT Dept. The Commissioners will have Mr. Gorentz look into it and make recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (20-071) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:22 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:20 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: February 14, 2019 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign February 2020 mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: February 21, 2020 – Mr. Dick Horton, Community Engagement Director for SEK-CAP, Inc., regarding a Regional Assessment Survey.

Item Three: February 21, 2020 – Executive Session with Attorney Pat Smith in reference to the opioid lawsuit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 11, 2020 -- Kansas Power Alliance meeting at Dalton's Back Nine in Chanute beginning at 6:00 PM. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Two: February 17, 2020 – The Crawford County Courthouse will be closed for President's Day.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [February 11, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:23 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 2/11/2020/amended BKW 2/13/2020 10:48 AM](#)