

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2022, TWELFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (22-062)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 11, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 611493 to 611714 dated February 15, 2022 in the total amount of \$400,571.44.

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 22	59	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 8, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	60	To approve the ARPA applications for funding for the City of Arma in the amount of \$263,750, the City of Cherokee in the amount of \$119,180, the City of Mulberry in the amount of \$1,200, the City of Walnut in the amount of \$30,000 and Public Wholesale Water Supply District #11 Bone Creek in the amount of \$6,780
Motion 22	61	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss early retirement under

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		Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:27 AM
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### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

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

#### **MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Roger Lomshek addressed the Commissioners in reference to COVID-19 Guidelines. Mr. Lomshek gave an update that Frontenac schools have reduced COVID-19 protocols, and that COVID-19 protocols are causing damage to children's mental health. Mr. Lomshek voiced his concern that the Family Resource Center in Pittsburg is still requiring masks on children, and questioned whether the Center is run by the County. The commissioners stated that the Family Resource Center is not affiliated with Crawford County and is its own entity.

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**Item One:** Ms. Joanie Burke, SEK-CAP Inc Director of Early Childhood Services discussing ARPA Funding. She presented a proposal for ARPA funding to build an early learning center in Girard. She explained that SEK-CAP has property directly north of their existing offices and for many years they have been planning on developing an early learning center and child care building and additional housing on that property. Ms. Burke stated that the additional housing is still in the planning stages and they are looking for funding. She discussed the shortage of child care and early education programs in the State of Kansas and the age groups of the children in need of child care. She explained the proposal to the Commissioners. She spoke about sharing services with USD 248. She said that included in the plans for the center is a safe room for the community that will accommodate 156 people. She also discussed the training room and conference room included in the plans. Ms. Burke addressed funds to provide training and education to develop child care providers in the area. She said that this proposal is not offering just early development and child care but also will encompass the overall county's economic development. She stated that she presented the proposal to the Girard City Council to address water and sewer for the center and she has asked the city to apply for funds to support the addition of this facility and additional housing in the future and the City Council agreed to apply for funding for infrastructure for not only sewer and water but also civil engineering work, lift stations, electricity and if needed, streets with curb and guttering. Commissioner Moody was answered that there are no funds secured for this proposal at this time. Commissioner Blair addressed the BASE grant and Ms. Burke stated that she has not looked that grant yet. Commissioner Blair stated that the BASE grant looks like a good fit for this proposal and Commissioner Johnson addressed CDBG funds.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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### OLD BUSINESS:

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker gave an update on the job description project.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson stated that the Commissioners were unable to hold the work session this morning on the 2022 Parks and Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding. The Commissioners decided to have a work session immediately after the regular session today to discuss the 2022 Parks & Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (22-063)** 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 job descriptions under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim and to reconvene by 10:46 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 10:31 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:46 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (22-064)** 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:17 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 10:47 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:17AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (22-065)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department 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 11:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

County Counselor announced that the Crawford County Health Department has decided that they are not going to allow any comments on their Facebook pages and he believes that they are in the right to do so. He explained the reasons for this decision. He stated that this is not for all county social media but is for the Health Department.

Commissioner Blair stated that the Health Department Facebook page is used as a platform to get information to the public and there are other avenues available to give feedback.

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: February 15, 2022** – Immediately after today’s Regular Session a Work Session will be held to discuss the 2022 Parks and Recreation, Elderly, Historical and Special Alcohol Funding.

**Item Two: February 18, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner, Greenbush to discuss ARPA funding.

**Item Three: February 18, 2022** – Ms. Deborah Potter, Little Balkan’s Quilt Guild presenting a special quilt to the Commissioners.

**Item Four: February 18, 2022** – Mr. Jessie Gilmore, Horticulture Agent with the Wildcat Extension District addressing potential community orchard in Pittsburg.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: February 16, 2022** -- County Day at the Capitol at the Kansas State Capitol. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

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**Item One: February 21, 2022** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of 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 15, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:41 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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken by [BKW 2/15/2022 11:41AM/amended BKW 2/17/2022 11:10 AM](#)