

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **FOURTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:00 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 was seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: The Commissioners requested an executive session for 60 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to conduct interviews for the Zoning Administrator position.

On motion (20-091) 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 60 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and candidates for the position of Zoning Administrator and to reconvene by 10:00 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 9:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-092) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 21, 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.

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SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	83	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 60 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and candidates for the position of Zoning Administrator and to reconvene by 10:00 AM
Motion 20	84	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, County Counselor Jim Emerson and candidates for the position of Zoning Administrator and to reconvene by 10:16 AM
Motion 20	85	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 14, 2020 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 596640 to 596867 dated February 14, 2020 in the total amount of \$454,111.96
Motion 20	86	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application APPLICANT: Lisa Goff "Lakeview Café" PREMISES: 2 W Lake Rd, Farlington KS 66734 (For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: Lisa Goff "Lakeview Café" PREMISES: 2 W Lake Rd, Farlington KS 66734(For consumption on the premises)
Motion 20	87	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Wayne R & Ruth Janet Leritz and to request a refund in the amount of \$25.84 from the 2018 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	88	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Attorney Pat Smith and to reconvene by 10:55 AM
Motion 20	89	To approve the payment of the Kansas County Commissioners' Association 2020 dues in the amount of \$700
Motion 20	90	To approve Change Order #3 from Heck and Wicker Inc. on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and authorize the Chairman to sign

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

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Item One: Ms. Cristy Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative addressed the standard benefit change for the coupon savings for prescription drugs which the State of Kansas has changed between 2019 and 2020. Ms. Mitchell explained the benefit change and stated that in 2019 the amount the member paid after the coupon was applied was the amount credited towards that member's deductible. She said that in 2020 the change was made so that the entire amount of the prescription drug before any savings were applied, is the amount credited towards the deductible. Ms. Mitchell explained that this change is state mandated on fully insured groups but self-funded groups have the option to change. She stated with this change the members would meet their deductible faster and reach the point for insurance to pay 100% sooner. Director of Fiscal Services Ms. Randi Ryan stated that in the County's group, this change is mainly only affecting the members that have an HSA. The Commissioners wanted the County Counselor to review the change.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Tim Mikrut, 911 Director, presented an Agreement and Authorization for Construction Work from Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative for Crawford County 911 Services for the relocation of an electric line in the amount of \$4,610.26. Mr. Mikrut explained the reason for the relocation and stated that this work is for the communications tower on Gooding Road. He stated that the Road and Bridge will dig the trench to save money.

On motion (20-093) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Agreement and Authorization for Construction work from Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative for Crawford County 911 Services for the relocation of an electric line in the amount of \$4,610.26 on a communications tower.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Mikrut presented a work estimate from Tyler Costantini for removing unused antennas from water towers at Bone Creek, Brazilton and Walnut in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mr. Mikrut explained that the antennas were placed on the towers by the County and are no longer used.

On motion (20-094) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Work Estimate from Tyler Costantini for removing antennas from water towers at Bone Creek, Brazilton and Walnut in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Three: Mr. Bill Towery, County Sanitarian discussed the proposed tire collection program and stated that even without state funding the county will need the state's approval to conduct this program. He suggested 2 pickup locations, one at the Road & Bridge District #3 Barn on the bypass in Pittsburg and one at the Fairgrounds in Girard with both being held on the same day. He reported that he spoke to Champlin Tire Recycling and they will pick up and haul off the tires for \$160 a ton. Mr. Towery will continue to work on this program and keep the Commissioners informed.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Towery about the Lagoon at the SEK Humane Society. Mr. Towery stated that he has not checked recently but Road & Bridge District #1 Foreman Bill Kavanagh is going to clear out some trees but the rains have been an issue.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair presented the Crawford County Local Road Safety Plan and stated that the roads are ranked in order from highest risk factor to lowest risk factor. He said that the Commissioners will need to choose 2 projects and the funding will be for 2021. The Commissioners discussed this plan and decided to readdress this issue on Friday and would like Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle addressed the Grant Township Board and stated that two of the officers have passed away recently and the only remaining officer is new to the board. The remaining board member is working on finding individuals interested in taking over these positions and the new offices will need to be appointed by the Commissioners.

Item Two: The Commissioners discussed the distribution of the 2020 Elderly Fund. The Commissioners stated that they would like to give all the organization the money they are requesting but the funds are not available for that. The Commissioners also discussed requiring the organizations that request Elderly, Historical, Parks and Recreation and Special Alcohol Funding to submit more information starting in 2021. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would like detailed information on how the requested funds will be used and the number of individuals the organization serves. Commissioner Blair also suggested the organizations that request a large amount of money, speak to the Commissioners about their requested funds.

On motion (20-095) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the distribution of the 2020 Elderly Funds as discussed by the Commissioners. Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 28, 2020 – Opening of culvert bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [February 25, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:57 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 2/25/2020 10:57 AM/amended BKW 2/26/2020 2:49 PM](#)