

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, **FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, January 15, 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 (21-021) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 11, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. 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.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 21	14	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 8, 2020 minutes
Motion 21	15	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 21	16	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 21	17	To name Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBANK, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank as the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately

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Motion 21	18	To name the Pittsburg Morning Sun as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 21	19	To cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for January 19, 2021 due to the holiday on Monday, January 18, 2021
Motion 21	20	To approve the renewal proposal from Ryan Insurance for Property, Casualty, Liability and Work Comp insurance for 2021

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

Item One: County Health Officials addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling stated that Governor Laura Kelly and her administration recognized Crawford County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins for all his hard work during this COVID-19 pandemic and announced Dr. Stebbins as this week's Public Health Hero. Ms. Janis Goedeke stated they are all grateful for Dr. Stebbins' strong leadership and Commissioner Moody stated that the county is truly blessed to have him as a leader. County Health Director Teddi Van Kam addressed the Commissioners and presented the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Friday, January 15, 2021. She went through the Community Gating Criteria. She discussed the discrepancy in the number of deaths reported on the gating criteria and the number of deaths the state is reporting for Crawford County and explained the reason for the discrepancy and informed the Commissioners that the issue is being worked on. She also went through the School Gating Criteria for K-12. Ms. Van Kam addressed the Well Health Screenings which are set up at the Bicknell Center at PSU and the Countryside Christian Church in Pittsburg. She stated that there has been a total of 1,551 tests done through these sites with 182 total positives, 1280 total negatives, 65 tests pending and 24 tests rejected and a 11.73% positivity rate. She also reported on the mobile van and stated that they have done a total of 488 tests with 371 total negatives, 115 total positives and 2 tests inconclusive and a 24% positivity rate. Ms. Van Kam stated that PSU will resume classes on January 19, 2021 and testing will be done on all students going into the dorms. Ms. Van Kam reported on the hospital data for Ascension Via Christi and Girard Medical Center for positives, persons on ventilators, ICU capacities and monoclonal antibody infusions. Ms. Goedeke reported that the Well Health Screenings will continue through the end of March.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented an application for a 2021 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Dennis Bridwell "Diamond 6 D", to allow them to sell cereal malt

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beverages for consumption on the premises. Mr. Pyle stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and that they were given 10 days to respond and that no responses had been received.

On motion (21-022) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

2021 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses

APPLICANT: Dennis Bridwell “Diamond 6 D”

PREMISES: 521 E McKay St, Frontenac, KS 66763

(For consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle presented the Commissioners with the State of Kansas List of County Officers for the Office of the Secretary of State that requires their signatures.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that KDHE conducted an inspection of the County’s HHW operation in Pittsburg on January 6, 2021. Mr. Emerson explained that the county funds the HHW operation and the SEK Recycling Center helps run the operation. He stated that a letter was received from KDHE that the HHW operation is in compliance. Mr. Emerson discussed an area where the some of the products that are allowed back into the community are put on shelves for public sale.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated that he has received a request from IT Director Brandon Spaur to raise the limit on the IT Department purchasing card from \$10,000 to \$15,000 as Mr. Spaur is having issues with more expensive computer equipment being purchased. He stated that he also received a requested from EMS Director Randy Sandberg to raise the spending limit on his department’s purchasing card from \$500 to \$1,000.

On motion (21-023) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to increase the spending limit on the IT Department purchasing card from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and to increase the spending limit on the EMS purchasing card from \$500 to \$1,000.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson spoke about rules released by the Federal Government on employee leave for isolation or quarantine under local order due to COVID-19. He stated that those rules have expired and it is now up to the counties to do this on their own. He explained these rules might be reinstated by the Federal Government but as of now it is expired. He stated that other counties have voted to extend the leave until June. Mr. Emerson said that the benefit to this is to keep employees that are sick at home. He briefly explained the rules.

On motion (21-024) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve extending the Federal Government rules on Employee Leave for Isolation or Quarantine under local order due to COVID-19 until June 30, 2021.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Mr. Emerson addressed the Economic Development Grant and Tax Refund for the county portion of the real estate taxes for Sullivan Properties, LLC. located in Frontenac, Kansas. Mr. Emerson stated that the abatement for that property was to be for 5 years and the county has refunded their portion of the taxes for 2 years now and this will be the 3rd year for 2019 taxes.

On motion (21-025) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Economic Development Grant and Tax Refund for the county portion of 2019 real estate taxes for Sullivan Properties, LLC.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle informed the Commissioner that a company will attending the meeting via Zoom on Friday, January 22, 2021 to give a presentation on an upcoming transmission project in the county.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair spoke about Crawford County Sewer District #2 and stated that there will be a work session on Friday, January 22, 2021 to address this district. He stated that he has spoken to Senator Hildebrand on a bill on a nuisance ordinance and will keep the other Commissioners up to date on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (21-026) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 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 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-027) 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 Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:03 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 10:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:03 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 22, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Zoning Administrator May Smith and Sewer Operator Coby Hinton to discuss Crawford County Sewer District #2 and nuisance violations.

Item Two: January 22, 2021 – Opening of Rock Bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Item One: January 18, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Item Two: January 19, 2021 -- The Board of County Commissioner Regular Session is cancelled due to the Monday, January 18, 2021 holiday.

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 [January 15, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:08 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 1/15/2021 11:08 AM/amended BKW 11/21/2020 2:10 PM