

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **FIFTH** MEETING
Reorganization

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, January 17, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer. Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance. County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (20-028) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 14, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 596047 to 596304 dated January 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$933,557.42, and
3. 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 20	25	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 10, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	26	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:47 AM

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Motion 20	27	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Pete Peterson and Mr. Rod Turner and to reconvene by 11:25 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

REORGANIZATION

The time having arrived, pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 19, to reorganize the Board of Crawford County Commissioners, the Board took the following action to fulfill their statutory obligations:

Item One: Election of the Chairman.

On motion (20-029) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the nomination of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Moody pass the gavel to Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair assumed the duties of the presiding officer.

Item Two: Election of the Vice Chairman

On motion (20-030) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the nomination of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Dr. Jim Triplett addressed the Commissioners with an update on the SEK Recycling Center. He presented the Commissioners with a profit and loss spreadsheet from January 2017 through December 2019. Dr. Triplett stated that they have received

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the foam densifier and it is operational and by next week they should have submitted all the paperwork that KDHE requires for final payment. He explained how the densifier works and stated that it is in an exploratory phase right now. He stated that they found a company in Canada to take the plastic. He said that they are working on the resale center. He discussed a 3 way project between the City of Pittsburg, the Recycling Center and PSU in deconstructing houses and reselling the material as a commodity. Dr. Triplett stated that commodity prices have still not recovered from the decline in prices that happened in the last several years. He said that the Recycling Center is a public service and not a business. He explained that the employees work for \$8.00 an hour with no benefits. Dr. Triplett said that he has been Chairman of the Crawford County Solid Waste Planning Commission since 1990 or 1991. He stated that the Center's purpose is to divert material from the landfill and repurpose it. He stated that if the Recycling Center was a business it would have closed the doors in 2008. Dr. Triplett discussed partnering with the City of Pittsburg in the recycling efforts. Commissioner Johnson discussed the different areas in Kansas and Missouri that utilize the Recycling Center. Dr. Triplett discussed the Center obtaining a \$10,000 line of credit and using that credit to make payroll. He stated that if they cannot make payroll in the future the Center will have to close as the employees cannot be asked to work without pay. There was a discussion on the hours of the Recycling Center. Commissioner Blair suggested a meeting with the County, the City of Pittsburg and the Recycling Center to see if a solution can be found. Commissioner Moody suggested giving the SEK Recycling Center a \$10,000 contribution and then arrange meetings with the County, the City of Pittsburg and the SEK Recycling Center.

On motion (20-031) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve a lump sum contribution of \$10,000 to the SEK Recycling Center.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Tim Lewellen, Shorts Trash Service addressed the Commissioners in reference to a county wide clean up and he gave the Commissioner information on a contact that has experience in county wide cleanup.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: The time having arrived to name the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County, the following were recommended as the current working banks of the county: Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBANK, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he discussed the banks with County Treasurer Joe Grisolano and Mr. Grisolano agrees with this list of banks.

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On motion (20-032) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to name the 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.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: The time having arrived to name the official newspaper publication of Crawford County the following were recommended as the current official newspaper of the county: the *Pittsburg Morning Sun*.

On motion (20-033) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to name the *Pittsburg Morning Sun* as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Contract for Single Audit Services with Diehl Banwart Bolton Certified Public Accountants PA for the year ending December 31, 2019. Mr. Emerson stated that the accountants will begin auditing in May or June for the year of 2019. He stated the amount for the services is \$26,925.00 which is for the county audit and federal audit. Mr. Emerson explained why the federal audit is needed.

On motion (20-034) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Contract for Single Audit Services with Diehl Banwart Bolton Certified Public Accountants PA for the year ending December 31, 2019 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 Four: Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2020-003, A Resolution Establishing a Weighted Local Preference Policy for Formal Sealed Bids. Mr. Emerson explained the Resolution.

On motion (20-035) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #2020-003, A Resolution Establishing a Weighted Local Preference Policy for Formal Sealed Bids.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson addressed the purchase of a hydraulic boom with a post driver for the new sign department truck. He presented a proposal from Payne's Inc for the equipment. Commissioner Moody stated that the boom that the county currently has is over 20 years old and not very safe for operation.

On motion (20-036) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the purchase of a hydraulic boom with a post driver from Payne's Inc.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Mr. Emerson addressed obtaining a purchasing card with a \$2,500 limit for 911 Director Mr. Tim Mikrut.

On motion (20-037) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve a purchasing credit card for 911 Director Tim Mikrut with a credit limit of \$2,500 from GNBANK.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Pyle handed out information on the SEK, Inc., Annual Meeting to be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 beginning at 5:00 PM at Kansas Crossing Casino. He stated that Mr. David Toland, Secretary of Commerce will be the speaker. He informed the Commissioners that today is the last day to RSVP for the meeting.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed Rock Bids and presented the Commissioners with the recommendations from Mr. Dennis Meier of Triad Environmental Services.

On motion (20-038) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2020 rock bids as recommended by Mr. Dennis Meier of Triad Environmental Services.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

Item Three: The Commissioner discussed the work session they had this morning with the Road and Bridge foremen on Strategic Planning for Road & Bridge Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (20-039) of Commissioner Moody 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 Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:11 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 10:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:04 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 28, 2020 – Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director presenting annual report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: January 20, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Item Two: January 21, 2020 – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled.

Commissioner Moody stated that he will be attending a SEK Regional Juvenile Detention Center Board Meeting.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [January 17, 2020](#) 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 BKW 1/17/2020 11:08 AM/amended BKW 1/21/2020 2:30 PM](#)