

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Tuesday, January 7, 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 (20-012) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 3, 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	1	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 27, 2019 minutes
Motion 20	2	To open the public hearing on vacating a certain road in Walnut Township
Motion 20	3	To close the public hearing on vacating a certain road in Walnut Township
Motion 20	4	To adopt Resolution #2020-001, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Certain Road in Walnut Township, Crawford County, Kansas described as that portion of County Road located between Sections 30 and 31, Township 28 South, Range 22 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Crawford County, Kansas described as follows: the East Half of the East Half of the road lying between said sections (1/4 of a mile). Located in the 1200 West block of 660th Avenue

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Motion 20	5	To open the public hearing on vacating a platted alley in Brazilton
Motion 20	6	To close the public hearing on vacating a platted alley in Brazilton
Motion 20	7	To adopt Resolution #2020-002, a Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Alley In Brazilton, Crawford County, Kansas, According to the recorded plat thereof described as an alley located adjacent to and East of Lots Two (2), Three (3), Six (6), Seven (7), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Fourteen (14) in Block Nine (9) and West of Lots One (1), Four (4), Five (5), Eight (8), Nine (9), Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) in Block Nine (9) in Brazilton, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof
Motion 20	8	To approve the Contract between Capitol Strategies, LLC and Crawford County to provide monitoring and reporting representation to Crawford County through the 2020 Legislative Session and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	9	To approve the December 2019 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 20	10	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 11:19 AM
Motion 20	11	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:30 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Jim Zibert, Earle's Engineering & Inspection addressed the Commissioners regarding Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Zibert discussed the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. He stated that this application is for 2 weeks of work which he feels was a lot of work done in a 2-week period. Mr. Zibert answered Commissioner Moody that the contractor has approximately 54% of the project complete at this time. Mr. Zibert explained where the contractor was at on the project and what will be taking place and that the project is ahead of pace. Mr. Moody thanked Mr. Zibert for his update and asked that he keep the Commissioners up to date on the project.

Item Two: Mr. Ray Ryan and Mr. Wally Wilson, Ryan Insurance presented the 2020 Insurance Renewal. Mr. Ryan discussed the coverage with EMC and the premium over the last 8 years compared to the claims paid over that period. Mr. Ryan reviewed the coverages and premiums and discussed the EMC Workers Compensation Pool Dividend program that has paid the county \$338,000 in dividends over the past 8 years and should be factored in when evaluating the cost of that coverage. Mr. Wilson stated that the premium for workers compensation coverage would increase slightly this year because the last year of claims that drops off for calculating the MOD this year had very low

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claims and that the year that was replacing it had much more in claims. Mr. Wilson also discussed that the MOD for 2021 should be lower than this year because the year that will drop off next year had a very high amount of workers compensation claims. The package of insurance was reviewed with the Commissioners and the Commissioners thanked Mr. Ryan and Mr. Wilson for the information and for the work they do to keep premiums low. The Commissioners agreed to review the invoice for insurance coverage.

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

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 from Heck & Wicker, Inc via Earle's Engineering & Inspection for Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the amount of \$149,066.29. Mr. Emerson stated that he would like to take the funds from the Operating Reserve Fund and the approximate balance in that fund is \$400,000. He also stated that there is a chance for reimbursement.

On motion (20-013) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 1 from Heck & Wicker, Inc via Earle's Engineering & Inspection for Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the amount of \$149,066.29 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that the Chamber Coffee will be held at Short's Trash Service on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the Rock bids recommendation from Dennis Meier, Triad Environmental Services. The Commissioners decided to have Mr. Meier attend a meeting to review his recommendations.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that today he will begin the process of advertising for a Crawford County Zoning Administrator.

Item Four: Mr. Moody addressed obtaining a list of trash haulers and Mr. Emerson stated that he is working on it.

Item Five: Mr. Moody addressed the tax sale and Mr. Emerson stated that everything is still on line for a sale in February if he can obtain one attorney's signature.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (20-014) 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 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 11:15 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 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Clerk Don Pyle requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-015) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle and to reconvene by 11:26 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 11:16 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:22 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Mr. Pyle stated that our accounting software program, Incode will not have the signatures that print on checks ready in time for the reorganization meeting that was to be held on January 14, 2020. Mr. Pyle requested that the reorganization meeting be held on January 17, 2020 and the Commissioners agreed.

Item Seven: Mr. Emerson addressed having Dennis Meier, Triad Environmental Services look into the proposed wind farm in the western part of the County. The Commissioners approved Mr. Emerson contacting Triad in reference to an agreement to study this issue.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 17, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session for Strategic Planning for Road & Bridge Department.

Item Two: January 17, 2020 – Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting.

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 [January 7, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:28 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 1/7/20 11:28 AM/amended BKW 1/9/2020 9:00 AM](#)