

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, July 17, 2020 10:15 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-285) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 14, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 599532 to 599758 dated July 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$323,889.54, 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	282	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 10, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	283	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Street in Katie Addition to the Town of Dunkirk with a Public Hearing set for August 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Motion 20	284	To approve the recognition of the Crawford County Recovery Task Force as a formal advisory group to aid, support and advise the Crawford County Commission through the pandemic and the CARES Act funding distribution

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services addressed the Commissioners and reported on the work session that was held this morning beginning at 8:30 AM with the County Commissioners, the Health Officials and the local school superintendents. He discussed the hard work and communication between all the professionals in working to get the schools opened up safely. He stated that there will be plans in place to open the schools and also inspections will be done. He wanted to thank all involved in working on the plans.

County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins gave an update on the COVID-19. He stated that there have been 328 known cases of COVID-19 in Crawford County since the onset of the epidemic. He explained that currently there are 46 active cases in isolation and 102 in quarantine which are contacts that may not be infected. He stated those numbers will go up today and the average over the last 10 days has been about 5 cases per day. He stated that the health officials are currently working with the schools on their re-opening plan and also with Pittsburg State University about their re-opening plan. Dr. Stebbins stated that there are 5 positive cases at Via Christi Hospital and 7 people under investigation and 0 at Girard Medical Center. He stated that each Friday the Commissioners will be informed of the isolation and contact cases to help them understand where the County is currently at. He discussed current status on testing and the labs being used and also discussed the testing machines that have been ordered. Dr. Stebbins discussed the coronavirus and how it is transmitted and the issue of adult versus child infections.

County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson reported on the applications being received for the positions that the health department advertised for. She discussed a grant the health department is applying for and what the grant funds will be used for.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk reported on the Primary Election advance ballots that are currently being mailed.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody asked Mike Bodensteiner about the 2 options suggested by the task force for distribution of the SPARK Funding and Mr. Bodensteiner answered his questions. It was discussed that the actual funding amounts for each entity can be adjusted later, but the framework suggested by the task force is a good starting point.

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Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a request from Ms. Angie Hadley, Restorative Justice Authority Program Coordinator requesting the appointment of Sarah Mills to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB).

On motion (20-286) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the appointment of Sarah Mills to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB) 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 addressed the SPARK Funding and discussed that he feels it will get it easier to understand how the distributions work as more is done with it and when we see dollar amounts requested by the different entities.

Item Five: Commissioner Johnson discussed the request from NACO for a voting delegate for their annual business meeting and Commissioner Johnson volunteered to serve as that voting delegate. The other Commissioners agreed.

On motion (20-287) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson as voting delegate at the NACO annual business meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Six: Commissioner Blair stated that he has heard from a concerned citizen about the county roads and he stated that all road crews are still working, regular maintenance is still being done and that chip and seal work will start next week

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-288) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel of the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:55 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that he will have the first draft of the budget ready for Tuesday's meeting.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson requested a work session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner of Greenbush on July 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The Commissioners agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (20-289) 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 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 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-290) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss landfill contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:21 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 11:11 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 17, 2020 – Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut immediately after today's Regular Session.

Item Two: July 21, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Mr. Michael Bodensteiner of Greenbush to discuss SPARK Funding.

Item Three: July 21, 2020 – Ms. Jasmine Kyle, Business & Promotions Manager for SEK Humane Society presenting an update on the society.

Item Four: July 21, 2020 – Mr. Mac Young, District Court Administrator, addressing District Court Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse in Girard is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until further notice. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but residents may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center for motor vehicle and tax payments to be processed at the courthouse.

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 [July 17, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:25 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 7/17/2020 11:25 AM/amended 7/20/2020 1:30 PM](#)