

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [FIFTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Tuesday, July 21, 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 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 (20-291) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [July 17, 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	285	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 14, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 599532 to 599758 dated July 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$323,889.54
Motion 20	286	To approve the appointment of Sarah Mills to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB) and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	287	To approve the appointment of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson as voting delegate at the NACO annual business meeting
Motion 20	288	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

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Motion 20	289	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
Motion 20	290	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

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

The Commissioners continued discussion from the Work Session on the CARES Act SPARK Funding.

On motion (20-292) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve Option 2 as presented by the Crawford County Recovery Task Force for the disbursement of the SPARK-CARES Act funding and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-293) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the proposed distribution categories as presented by the Crawford County Recovery Taskforce for the SPARK-CARES Act funding.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-294) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the on-line application for reimbursement for SPARK-CARES Act funding as proposed by the Greenbush Service Center.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services stated that he and Health Director Rebecca Adamson have started reviewing the

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applications for the positions that were advertised and will start interviewing this Friday. Commissioner Johnson was answered that all the positions will be advertised for 2 weeks on the county website and this is the 2nd week.

Crawford County Health Director Rebecca Adamson gave an update on COVID-19. She stated that as of yesterday the state website reported a total of 351 cases in Crawford County. She explained there was an increase of 23 cases from Friday to Monday which is approximately 5 new cases per day. She stated that testing turn around time has improved a little bit. Ms. Adamson reported on the hospitals and stated that Via Christi currently has 3 positive cases, 1 person under investigation and one patient on a ventilator but not COVID related and Girard Medical Center has none. She discussed an ELC Grant and stated that the application for that grant will be submitted today and discussed what was applied for in the grant and what the grants funds can be used for. She discussed the use of a mobile testing unit. Commissioner Blair asked about antibody testing and Ms. Adamson explained the testing and stated that most grants will not pay for antibody testing and that neither KDHE nor CDC have recommended antibody testing. Commissioner Blair asked about the re-opening of the schools and Ms. Adamson explained that her goal is to have an epi nurse and a community outreach worker assigned to each school district and explained the procedure that would be followed in the instance of a positive case in the schools. She stated that County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins and Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean are working together on some guidance for the superintendents on the re-opening of the schools and she thought it would be beneficial for the health officers and the superintendents to meet. A work session was scheduled for 8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 with the county health officers and area school superintendents and County Clerk Don Pyle will contact the superintendents to make them aware of the work session. Commissioner Moody asked about individuals in isolation and Ms. Adamson explained isolation and recovery. Commissioner Johnson asked about contact tracing and Ms. Adamson state that KDHE is still doing the county's contact tracing.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jasmine Kyle, Business & Promotions Manager for SEK Humane Society presenting an update on the society. Ms. Kyle handed out information to the Commissioners. She gave background information on the shelter. She discussed the current data for the shelter and how many animals have been taken in. She explained the education the society has given to the public on the care of animals and the issues the shelter is faced with when it reaches capacity. She spoke about the Free Food Pantry Program that the society started. Ms. Kyle wanted to thank Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins for his assistance with the program. She discussed other area humane society's that partner with local governments to help with funding. Ms. Kyle stated that she is here today to ask Crawford County to create a partnership contract with the SEK Humane Society and explained why the organization needs this partnership. She said that the organization is entirely donor driven and operates 100% on donations from the public and explained why grants are difficult to obtain. She explained the intake costs of the animals and other costs involved in running the shelter. She explained the service area. Commissioner Johnson asked for examples of other partnership contracts between

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local governments and their humane societies. Ms. Kyle stated that she would get this information together and get it to the Commissioners.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Mac Young, District Court Administrator addressed the District Court Budget. Mr. Young presented the Commissioners with a copy of the proposed 2021 11th Judicial District Budget. He went through the proposed budget with the Commissioners and answered the Commissioners questions. He discussed re-opening of the courtrooms, in person hearings and jury trials. Mr. Young also discussed reimbursements for District Court expenses from the SPARK-CARES Act funding.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Memo of Agreement Addendum Contract between the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush and Crawford County Commission for administrative and financial administration to successfully disperse SPARK funding. Mr. Emerson stated that the proposal is included. He explained the payment schedule.

On motion (20-295) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Memo of Agreement Addendum Contract between the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush and Crawford County Commission for administrative and financial administration to successfully disperse SPARK funding 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 Two: Mr. Emerson presented a Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy, a Code of Conduct for Crawford County Kansas and a Procurement Policy. Mr. Emerson stated that these policies are required through the CDBG-CV. The Commissioners decided to review the Procurement Policy and re-address it at a later date.

On motion (20-296) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy and the Code of Conduct for Crawford County Kansas 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 Three: Mr. Emerson presented an Agreement between Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. and the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas

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for engineering services for the replacement of County Bridge No. 179. He explained the contract and stated that this bridge replacement is through the KDOT Off System Bridge Project. He explained the costs involved.

On motion (20-297) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Agreement between Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. and the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas for engineering services for the replacement of County Bridge No. 179.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle handed out the first draft of the County 2021 Budget. He reviewed and discussed several of the items in the budget. The Commissioners scheduled a work session to discuss the budget on July 28, 2020 after the regular session.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson discussed the SPARK Steering Committee Meeting that he watched yesterday and stated that the funding proposals for round 2 were discussed and explained the proposals.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed county nuisances and ways to solve some of the issues with State Senator Richard Hildebrand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-298) 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 30 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Pete Peterson and Mr. Rod Turner and to reconvene by 11:55 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 11:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:54 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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Item Two: Mr. Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-299) 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 the Road & Bridge Coordinator Position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:05 PM.

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 11:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:05 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 28, 2020 – 8:00 AM Work Session with County Health Officers and local school superintendents to discuss re-opening of the schools.

Item Two: July 28, 2020 – Work Session to discuss the 2021 County Budget after the Regular Session.

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 21, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:10 PM 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.

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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 7/21/2020 12:10 PM/amended BKW 7/23/2020 2:45 PM](#)