

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, FORTY-NINTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Tuesday, July 23, 2019 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 (19-215)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 19, 2019 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 19	210	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 16, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	211	To approve a donation of \$250 to the Pittsburg 12-Year-Old All Stars to help with expenses to the Midwest Region Little League Tournament in Westfield, Indiana
Motion 19	212	To approve the payment for membership to the Kansas Highway 69 Association in the amount of \$2,000.00
Motion 19	213	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 10:43 AM
Motion 19	214	To approve a donation of \$250 to the Arma Bulldog 10 & Under Girls' Softball Team to help with expenses to the World Series in Jenson Beach, Florida

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## UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS  
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH  
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES  
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS  
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Archie Moffett with Foley Equipment Company addressed the Commissioners about motor graders. Mr. Moffett stated that if the graders were ordered in the near future a delivery date would be some time around October, November or December depending upon the model chosen. Commissioner Moody stated that 2 different sizes of graders are being looked at and he requested that Mr. Greg Hite, Shop Foreman, speak with the grader operators to see which machine they prefer. Mr. Moffett stated that he has already spoken to some of the operators. There was a discussion of which graders need replaced and that the grader in Commissioner Johnson's district is the last one that was purchased and is in the best shape. The Commissioners discussed purchasing 3 graders, the trade in of older graders and keeping one for a spare. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Hite and Mr. Moffett speak with the motor grader operators and report back to the Commissioners.

**Item Two:** Ms. Cristy Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Representative addressed the Commissioners regarding Health Insurance estimates for 2020. Ms. Mitchell handed out renewal information. She explained how the renewal amounts are calculated and discussed the stop loss pool. She stated that overall fixed costs are down 5% and each coverage tier is down 1 ½ to 2 percent which is great news. Ms. Mitchell stated that there are plan enhancements that can be looked at and she discussed looking into a different prescription formulary. There was a discussion of pharmacy claims hitting the stop loss. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the Benefits Committee could research these issues with Ms. Mitchell and go through the plan and report back to the Commissioners with recommendations. Mr. Moody thanked the Benefits Committee for taking the time to serve on the committee and also thanked Ms. Mitchell. Mr. Emerson suggested scheduling a work session with the Commissioners, the Benefits Committee and Ms. Mitchell when the committee is ready to make recommendations.

Ms. Randi Ryan, spoke on behalf of the Benefits Committee and stated that the committee has met with representatives from the Bukaty Company and the committee recommends the Commissioners allow the Bukaty Company to review the county's health insurance plan at no cost to the county to check into lowering the plan's administrative fees. She explained that the administrative fees are going up 3% next year and are 30% more than most administrative fees. Mr. Moody stated his concerns with changes that take benefits away from the employees. Ms. Ryan stated that the Bukaty Company's main focus is lowering administrative costs and they would also like to compare the county's coverage with other similar employers. She handed out a proposal from the Bukaty Company and Mr. Moody stated that they will look over the proposal and let the Benefits Committee know what they have decided.

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## PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that he was contacted by Judge Loy and that he wanted to thank the Commissioners for authorizing additional funding to have the repairs on the air conditioners at the Judicial Center done over the past weekend. Mr. Pyle stated that Judge Loy also commended Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and his crew for the good job working with the contractors.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that the Noxious Weed Department main truck is down and Noxious Weeds Director Ed Fields would like to purchase a used 2011 Ford F-250 4WD with 21,595 miles from Evans Motors for \$23, 950.00.

**On motion (19-216)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-250 4WD with 21,595 miles from Evans Motors for \$23, 950.00 for the Noxious Weed Department.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Commissioner Blair discussed the sale of the old Noxious Weed Department truck and Mr. Emerson will notify Mr. Hite to sell it. There was a discussion of paying for the new truck and it was discussed that the Miscellaneous Dept. in the General Fund is currently 10% under budget and the Commissioners agreed to pay for the truck out of that fund.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody discussed the issue of the work on state line road and that the work has taken a lot longer than anticipated and the Commissioners have not had any further contact or updates from the State of Missouri. Mr. Emerson stated he has a contact number and will check on the progress. Commissioner Blair stated he would like the work to be done by the time school starts.

## UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Johnson discussed the progress on the work on Sewer District #3 and Mr. Emerson stated that work is being done on final easements and when all easements are complete it can be let out for bid. Mr. Emerson stated that also KDOT needs to be contacted to discuss the terms of repayment on this project.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Street project and stated that Main Street is closed and would like to know if the road will be closed during the entire project and if the landowners were notified. Mr. Emerson stated that he will check on this issue.

**Item Three:** Mr. Moody discussed the courthouse exterior maintenance project and Mr. Emerson stated that he will see where Mr. Gorentz is at on the project.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (19-217)** 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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:49 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 10:39 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Tom Moody requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (19-218)** 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:55 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 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:53 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

## UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: July 26, 2019 – 9:00 AM** Work Session on 2020 County Budget.

**Item Two: July 30, 2019** – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting FY 2020 Revised Budget and Behavioral Health Grant.

Mr. Moody stated that he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center quarterly meeting tonight and will report to the other Commissioners on the meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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### 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 23, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:55 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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken BKW 7/23/19 10:55 AM/amended 7/25/19 10:00 AM](#)