

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, **FIFTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, July 23, 2021, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (21-228) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 20, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authoring the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

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| Motion 21 | 222 | The consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 16, 2021 minutes |
| Motion 21 | 223 | To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: Beginning at 3:00 PM on August 2, 2021 and ending at 12:01 PM on August 8, 2021. (For consumption on the premises) |
| Motion 21 | 224 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County |

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| | | Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:28 AM |
| Motion 21 | 225 | To approve the proposal from Greenbush in the amount of \$13,000 for services related to the American Rescue Plan funding |
| Motion 21 | 226 | 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 the county land bank and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:44 AM |
| Motion 21 | 227 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Mental Health operation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:59 AM |

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Teddi VanKam presented the Commissioners with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Thursday, July 22, 2021. She addressed the new cases in the county and stated that right now it is averaging about 35 to 40 new cases a day. She went through the gating criteria. She addressed the hospital capacity and stated that Ascension Via Christi reported this morning that they have 12 positive cases in house but none on ventilators and they have given 19 monoclonal antibody infusions this week. She reported on the rest of the hospital statistics. Ms. Van Kam stated that Girard Medical Center has 3 positive COVID-19 cases admitted and they have given 5 or 6 of the monoclonal antibody infusions this week and they have very good bed availability. She also gave information on testing and vaccinations. She discussed vaccinations for 12- to 17-year-olds. She discussed preparing for the upcoming school year and what is taking place at this time. She spoke about staffing at the Health Department.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jasmine Kyle, SEK Humane Society Director addressed the Commissioners. She handed out information on their programs. She gave background information on the shelter and stated that she is presenting the 2019 and the 2020 intakes into their organization. She went through the intakes for 2019 and gave statistics on the counties that the animals came from. She addressed the intakes for 2020 and the drastic changes due to the pandemic. She spoke about the Free Pet Food Bank Program and gave information on the amount of food given out. She stated that within the next few weeks they will be receiving another shipment of free pet food and that the shipping is being donated also. She stated that their organization is a vital asset and tool for the counties that they serve and spoke about the assistance they have given to help animals. Ms. Kyle stated that for the last 40 years the program has been entirely donor driven and does not

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receive assistance from grants. She addressed the expenses of the shelter. She asked the Commissioners to approve a partnership contract. She presented the Commissioners with a first draft of the contract she is proposing. Commissioner Johnson asked for a sample contract from another humane society and Ms. Kyle stated that she will provide that to Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Blair asked about a partnership with the City of Pittsburg and Ms. Kyle stated that they have spoken to the City of Pittsburg.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that TFI requested permission to put some signs on foster parenting on the courthouse lawn and the Commissioners have no issues with this.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Financing Lease and Base Lease between GNBank and the Board of Commissioners, Crawford County, Kansas for improvements to real estate for remodeling to the existing building for Crawford County Fire District #1 on Langdon Lane in the amount \$165,000 for 120 months at 2.21/% interest. Mr. Emerson explained the Financing Lease and the Base Lease.

On motion (21-229) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Financing Lease and Base Lease between GNBank and the Board of Commissioners, Crawford County, Kansas for improvements to real estate for remodeling to the existing building for Crawford County Fire District #1 in the amount of \$165,000 for 120 months at 2.21% interest and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated he has received a draft of a new personnel policy manual from the Arnold Group. He stated that he had a meeting with Ms. Randi Ryan and Ms. Lauren Mattingley and they went through the manual and made some changes. He stated that the next step will be to send the manual to elected officials and department heads and have them review it and eventually have a work session with the Commissioners for review. He stated that the Arnold Group is also working on an employee portal.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated that he has been working with Mike Bodensteiner on the American Rescue Plan funding and would like to schedule another work session on August 10, 2021 with Mr. Bodensteiner. The Commissioners will readdress the work session next week.

OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the 2022 County Budget and the Commissioners scheduled a work session for Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 9:00 AM to discuss the budget.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson updated the Commissioners on the next Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 27, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work session on the 2022 County Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [July 23, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:44 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 7/23/2021 10:44 AM/amended BKW 7/26/2021 1:00 PM