

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, **FIFTY-FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, July 30, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.

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

Chairman Johnson and members of the Pittsburg Little League 12-year-old All-Stars led the pledge of allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (21-236)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 27, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. 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 21	230	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 23, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.
Motion 21	231	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the leave policies under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sheriff Danny Smith and to reconvene by 10:24 AM
Motion 21	232	To approve the Crawford County 2022 Budget for publication with a hearing date set for August 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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Motion 21	233	To approve the agreement between Heartland Rural Electric Co-op and Crawford County to perform utility work on a County right of way in the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 21 East, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 21	234	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 opioid lawsuit and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 AM
Motion 21	235	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 Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel 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 THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Mr. Brad Stroud and members of the Pittsburg Little League 12-year-old All-Stars requesting donation for travel expenses. Mr. Stroud stated that the team will be traveling to Indianapolis IN to participate in the Midwest Regional. He gave some background information on the team and the events that led up to qualifying for the Midwest Regional. The team members present introduced themselves, stated the school they attend and what positions they play. The Commissioner wished them luck.

**On motion (21-237)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve a donation of \$500 to the Pittsburg Little League 12-year-old All-Stars to help with travel expenses to the Midwest Regional in Indianapolis, IN, August 7-14, 2021.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Ms. JoEllen Black representing the Arma V-J Homecoming Committee addressing the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Arma V-J Homecoming. Ms. Black invited the Commissioners to participate in the parade on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM. She stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Band from Fort Riley will be taking part in the parade.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-238)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson

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to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Dr. Tim Stebbins and to reconvene by 10:35 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 10:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. The Commissioners were presented with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated, Friday, July 30, 2021. Dr. Tim Stebbins went through the gating criteria for the community and the schools. He addressed vaccinations and gave information on what is being done to get the community vaccinated. Ms. Teddi Van Kam stated that the Health Department will be attending the Crawford County Fair to offer vaccinations. She stated that next Friday KDHE will be returning to the Countryside Christian Church for 2<sup>nd</sup> doses and also offering the first doses. She explained that all investigations are being done in house and a new contact tracer was hired and also a nurse came back from retirement to assist with COVID-19 investigations. Dr. Stebbins stated that information will be sent to schools with mitigation recommendations for returning to school and the Health Department will continue to work closely with the school on strategies. He spoke about getting everyone vaccinated across the nation before another variant comes through that is even worse. Dr. Stebbins stated that there are many organizations that are mandating vaccinations and most of those are health care organizations. He also addressed mask wearing in the vaccinated and unvaccinated and in indoor and outdoor environments. Commissioner Blair discussed contact tracing in the schools with Ms. Van Kam and Dr. Stebbins.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### NEW BUSINESS

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair reported on road work being done by the county crews.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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**On motion (21-239)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 the Policy review under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and HR Director Lauren Mattingley and to reconvene by 11:24 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 11:09 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: August 10, 2021 – 8:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner and Greenbush regarding American Rescue Plan funding.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [July 30, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:27 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 by [BKW 7/30/2021 11:27 AM/amended BKW 8/2/2021](#)