

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **FIFTIETH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, June 23, 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 (20-262)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 19, 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	252	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 16, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the June 17, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting
Motion 20	253	To approve giving the County Sanitation Services bids to County Counselor Jim Emerson to compare and review and to return with a recommendation
Motion 20	254	To approve giving the Census Mailer bids to County Counselor Jim Emerson to compare and review and to return with a recommendation
Motion 20	255	To approve the Agreement for Administrative Consulting Services for a 2020 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Project for the CDGB-CV Program between Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission and Crawford County, Kansas

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Motion 20	256	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the County Health Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:32 AM
Motion 20	257	To recess this open session until 3:00 PM this afternoon
Motion 20	258	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the County Health Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 3:15 PM
Motion 20	259	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the County Health Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Dr. Timothy Stebbins and to reconvene by 3:25 PM
Motion 20	260	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the County Health Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Dr. Linda Bean and to reconvene by 3:45 PM
Motion 20	261	To appoint Dr. Timothy Stebbins as Crawford County Health Officer and Dr. Linda Bean as Crawford County Deputy Health Officer

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Administrator for Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services stated that he would like to clarify that he is not the Crawford County Health Officer as it was mistakenly reported in some media outlets. He stated that Dr. Stebbins is the new Crawford County Public Health Officer and Dr. Bean is the Deputy County Public Health Officer and stated that the county is very lucky to have them step up to these positions. Mr. Ehling explained the duties of Rebecca Adamson as the Director of the Health Department. He stated that all the duties of the County Health Officer are set out in KSA 65-202. He spoke about the Crawford County Recovery Task Force and stated that the task force has drafted some guidance for employers and employees in reference to isolation and quarantine and those documents are being reviewed by Dr. Bean and others and then will be distributed to businesses and other organizations throughout the county and posted on the county website.

Dr. Linda Bean, Crawford County Deputy Public Health Officer, addressed the Commissioners. Dr. Bean stated that according to KDHE, as of yesterday, Crawford County has had 192 positive COVID-19 cases and those numbers will change when KDHE does an update tomorrow. She discussed the number of positive cases tested in

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Crawford County and out of county and out of state individuals that tested positive in Crawford County. She stated that Via Christi Hospital has 3 people under investigation and 2 positive cases and Girard Medical Center currently has no cases. Dr. Bean discussed travel quarantines and the State of Kansas travel list. She stated that during a press conference yesterday the Governor stated that she recommends staying in Phase 3 of the re-opening plan due to the increased number of cases in the state. Dr. Bean explained that the county is still meeting the criteria to not tighten restrictions and explained the criteria that are being met. She emphasizes to continue social distancing, hygiene practices and wearing masks when needed. She stated that she and Dr. Stebbins recommend to continue following the Ad Astra plan and they do not feel any new orders are necessary at this point. Commissioner Moody was answered that there are still plenty of hospital beds available. Dr. Bean discussed and explained the different symptoms of COVID-19. She also discussed the possibility of mandatory mask wearing.

Sheriff Smith stated that his department has had no calls on enforcement of quarantines or isolation orders and there are no cases currently in the jail. He stated that the lobby is restricted and video visitation with inmates can be done.

Mr. Ehling stated that he wanted to assure the public that the outbreak is being managed and still being worked on. He also spoke about the opening up of testing and stated that over 700 tests were done in one weekend and he commends the staff at Community Health Center of SEK and the Health Department staff for the job they did and the time they put in with the testing. Dr. Bean stated that she is in communication with the corporate attorney of the meat packing plant.

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that the Governor's office will be having a webinar on Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM on the CARES Act funding and he will be attending the webinar.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson handed out bills on the Gooding Tower and the Greenbush Tower. 911 Director Tim Mikrut explained the bills presented which were for electrical service upgrades and installation and for fencing to secure the new tower.

**On motion (20-263)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve payment of the invoices for the Gooding Tower and the Greenbush Tower as presented by 911 Director Tim Mikrut.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson addressed the sanitation bids and handed out a comparison sheet. Mr. Emerson stated that McClelland Sanitation was interested in doing the Girard

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area only and stated that if that issue can be worked out between Mr. McClelland and WCA and they let the county know by Friday that can be considered. Commissioner Johnson addressed the issue of WCA not being a local company and Mr. Emerson will check on this.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody addressed the CDBG-CV and stated that he would like Mr. Pyle to send out a letter to the area cities that are eligible in the County's grant to make them aware of the funds becoming available to the business and to ask if they have any suggestions on committee members for the grant. The Commissioners scheduled a Work Session on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 9:30 AM to discuss the plan for the CDBG-CV. There was a discussion of the proposed second round of funding.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair stated that application of dust control started today and Shop Foreman Josh Peak is looking into doing the dust control in house next year.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair discussed the issue of rock with the new wind turbines being installed and making sure there is enough rock available. The Commissioners would like to schedule a work session with Matt Blessant from Mulberry Limestone and Steve Sloan from Midwest Minerals about rock availability when the wind turbines are being installed. Mr. Emerson will contact the parties to schedule the work session.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that Independence Day falls on a Saturday this year and the policy handbook stated that if a holiday falls on a Saturday the previous Friday is given as a holiday at the Commissioner's discretion. The Commissioners agreed to closing the County offices on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday and there will no Commission meeting on that day.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson addressed the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and stated that there is still a small outstanding payment to Earle's Engineering. He explained that the contract amount was \$83,900.00 and the county has paid them \$79,148.00 which leaves a balance of \$4,752.00. The Commissioners agreed to pay the balance owed to Earle's Engineering. Mr. Emerson said that the project is finished. He also stated that he sent a copy of all the payment requests from Heck & Wicker Inc. to George Dockery from KDOT and that is the first step in getting reimbursed from the federal money.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson addressed the bids on the Census Mailer. He stated that the was very happy with the prices. He stated that Pradmar's bid amount was \$4,641.74 and PittCraft's bid was \$5,400.00. Mr. Emerson stated that his recommendation is to go with the low bid from Pradmar. He discussed a mailing list from the Postal Service.

**On motion (20-264)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the low bid of \$4,641.74 from Pradmar Corp. for the Census Mailer.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair discussed making a plan in case there is a surge in COVID-19 cases in the fall and he would like to be prepared if that should happen. The Commissioners discussed this issue with Mr. Ehling.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair would like the residents sent a letter in the area where chipping and sealing will be taking place and also the area being posted on the website.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: June 26, 2020** – Work Sessions with Department Heads regarding 2021 Budget Requests beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Item Two: June 30, 2020 – 9:30 AM** Work Session to discuss the plan for the CDBG-CV.

##### **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 Johnson and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [June 23, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:00 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 6/23/2020 11:00 AM/amended BKW 6/25/2020 3:00 PM