

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **FIFTY-FIRST** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, June 26, 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 (20-265)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 23, 2020** 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 20	262	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 19, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	263	To approve payment of the invoices for the Gooding Tower and the Greenbush Tower as presented by 911 Director Tim Mikrut
Motion 20	264	To approve the low bid of \$4,641.74 from Pradmar Corp. for the Census Mailer

### **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**

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**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Administrator for Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services addressed the Commissioners and stated that Mental Health provides free services for Crawford County Employees. He presented the Commissioners a letter that will go out to all Crawford County Employees to make them aware of the services that are available through Crawford County Mental Health Center at no cost. He stated that the last few weeks he has stopped by the Health Department and he commends the EPI nurses for the job they are doing. Mr. Ehling stated that he wants to remind all to take care of their mental health needs.

Dr. Linda Bean, Crawford County Deputy Health Officer stated that she agrees with everything Mr. Ehling stated today. She explained that KDHE updates their website every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 PM and when she checked that website this morning, the numbers for Crawford County are still at 220, which is the number that was posted on Wednesday. She stated the number of cases will be updated at 12:30 PM today. Dr. Bean stated that Via Christi currently has 3 positive admissions, 4 persons under investigation and 1 patient on a ventilator and Girard Medical Center has no positives and no persons under investigation. She said that there are some cases popping up at other industries. She said that KDHE has added 100 new investigators to their staff. She explained that the 4 metrics are still being met and the recommendations are wearing masks in public, vulnerable individuals stay home as much as possible and distance, washing and sanitizing hands and if you are symptomatic stay home. She discussed testing for asymptomatic people. Dr. Bean explained that a negative test does not mean you do not need to quarantine if you have been exposed and stated that it is best to wait 5 to 7 days after exposure to be tested but remain quarantined. She stated that the county is set well with the needs for testing and have plenty of supplies. She discussed what would take place if the lack of supplies should become an issue. She discussed contact tracing. Mr. Johnson asked about ventilators and Dr. Bean will get a report on the number of ventilators available in the hospitals. Dr. Bean discussed antibody testing.

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Judge Brunetti addressed the Commissioners and asked to set up barriers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for social distancing. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson addressed the County Sanitation Services bid. He discussed Resolution #2020-003 which established a weighted local preference policy for formal sealed bids and stated that this policy applies to the WCA bid as that company is based in Joplin Missouri. He presented the Commissioners with a new summary sheet that included the 5% that is addressed in Resolution #2020-003. Mr. Dave McClelland from McClelland Sanitation addressed the Commissioners and stated he submitted his bid with the understanding that the bid was to be awarded to the lowest total bid and not broken down by each location. There was a discussion on the bid for roll offs which was not included in the location bids but on a separate page and Short's Trash Service was the lowest bid. Commissioner Blair stated that he would like to simplify the process and

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have 1 company do the services for the County and Commissioner Johnson agreed. The Commissioners decided to accept the lowest total bid for all locations.

**On motion (20-266)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to accept the low bid from McClelland Sanitation Inc for the sanitation services at all Crawford County building locations and the bid from Short's Trash Service for 30 and 40 yard dumpster services.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the Commissioners with a Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Pittsburg on the establishment of a Rural Housing Incentive District called Creekside East Phase 1. Mr. Pyle explained where the development will be located.

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated that 911 Director Tim Mikrut would like a work session at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 to discuss the antennas for the 911 Communication Towers. The Commissioners agreed. Mr. Emerson stated that he spoke to Steve Sloan from Midwest Minerals and Matt Blessant from Mulberry Limestone about rock availability due to the installation of the wind turbines and they are available for a work session on July 7, 2020. The Commissioners scheduled a work session for 9:30 on that day. Mr. Emerson stated that Ms. Randi Ryan, Director of Fiscal Services attended a presentation with The Arnold Group that is looking into the job descriptions, county's pay scale and employee handbook. He stated that Ms. Ryan felt it was a positive meeting and the representative from the company would like a work session to discuss this with the Commissioners. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on July 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM with a representative from The Arnold Group. Mr. Pyle discussed work session to start the budget process.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson discussed a letter from SEK Recycling Inc. requesting a joint committee with the City of Pittsburg and the County to discuss a plan for the continued financial support of the Recycling Center. Mr. Johnson feels that this is a good idea. Commissioner Johnson will follow up with Dr. Triplett on this issue.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he is member of the Crawford County Recovery Taskforce and discussed a subcommittee that he is a member of that focuses on government relations and financing and the CARES act has been a big portion of the subcommittee's discussions. He explained that there will be a teleconference today at 3:00 PM with KAC along with the SPARK office on this issue. Mr. Emerson stated that we should be receiving a tool kit and some guidelines on how the money can be spent. He also stated that a lot of counties are consulting firms to help manage the money. Mr. Johnson stated that the Recovery Taskforce could help with getting out information.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Johnson discussed contact tracing apps and that federal legislation outlawing contact tracing apps that use GPS. He stated that there is another

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group out of Lawrence ran by Brian McClendon that focuses on pushing out information on what guidelines are in place at different businesses. Mr. Johnson stated that this company was going to be trying out that program locally

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that there will be a ZOOM meeting on the CARES Act with KAC and SPARKS today at 3:00 PM and that county personnel should listen in.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: June 30, 2020 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign June bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: June 30, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut to discuss antennas for the 911 Communication Towers.

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

**Item Four: July 7, 2020 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Mr. Steve Sloan from Midwest Minerals and Mr. Matt Blessant from Mulberry Limestone about rock availability due to the installation of the wind turbines.

**Item Five: July 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work session with a representative from the Arnold Group.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: July 3, 2020** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday and the Regular Session on that day will be cancelled.

**Item Two:** 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 Blair to adjourn the [June 26, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:08 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

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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.**

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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 6/26/2020 11:08 AM/amended BKW 6/29/2020 12:30 PM