

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, [FIFTEENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 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 Lisa Lusker 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 (22-082) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [February 25, 2022](#) 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 22	74	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 18, 2022 minutes
Motion 22	75	To approve the Commissioners to sign off on the pledges for both of the BASE Grant applications
Motion 22	76	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: Lisa Goff "Lakeview Cafe" PREMISES: 2 W Lake Rd, Farlington, KS 66734 (For consumption on the premises) APPLICANT: Lisa Goff "Lakeview Cafe" PREMISES: 2 W Lake Rd, Farlington, KS 66734 (For sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises)

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Motion 22	77	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Dennis & Matthew Grotheer and to request a refund in the amount of \$353.72 from the 2020 tax rolls and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign
Motion 22	78	To adopt Resolution #2022-002, a Resolution appointing Christina Vulgamore of 295 E 610th Ave, Girard to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to run from February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2025
Motion 22	79	To adopt Resolution #2022-003, A Resolution reappointing Gary Edwards of 4057 Parkview Dr, Frontenac to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and Joint Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to run from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2025
Motion 22	80	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge job descriptions under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:42 AM
Motion 22	81	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:14 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

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Richelle Molina addressed the Commissioners and discussed her children receiving a COVID-19 positive test and then a COVID-19 negative test 2 days later and her children not being able to attend school. She stated that she met with Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling to discuss the situation and they were very helpful. She stated that she just wanted to make the Commissioners aware of the situation and that situations like this also affect other families that don't speak up.

Item Two: Mr. Roger Lomshek with SEK Freedom addressed the Commissioners in reference to COVID-19 quarantining lists being shared between the county and the schools. He stated that the hospital capacity hasn't changed and requested that the county stops listening to KDHE and follow their own guidelines. He also requested clearer rules regarding testing & quarantining and requests that everything return to normal. Commissioner Blair stated that we have no county guidelines and we have taken information from KDHE & tried to facilitate it to help the schools. He also pointed out that the schools receive state funding and have to follow guidelines given by KDHE. Commissioner Blair said he would look into the list that Mr. Lomshek was referencing earlier and will also look into cleaning up the procedures.

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Item Three: Mr. Brian Hanson addressed Commissioner Johnson and ask him why he hasn't spoke at all. Commissioner Johnson stated that he has been listening. Mr. Hanson stated that he has been asked to speak in front of the State Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday regarding a bill proposing limitations on masks, vaccine mandates, contact tracing and other COVID-19 issues. He spoke about his son being medically discriminated against because he will not get vaccinated. Commissioner Blair stated that he has received angry phone calls from families that have lost members to the virus and that is a hard thing to deal with. He said that the Commissioners have been trying during this entire pandemic to make the right decisions and to keep the citizens of the county safe. Commissioner Blair explained that he understands the isolations and the quarantines as his family has experienced it all many times and he and his family followed all procedures and guidelines during these times. He stated that people have died and he is sorry for people's hardships but he is also sorry for the families that have lost loved ones. Commissioner Blair thanked Mr. Lomshek for staying on task, getting the information out, then going to the next step and he appreciates that.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the County's natural gas provider, Pro Energy Solutions has notified him that they are going out of business and will not renew the contract with the county for the courthouse, the jail and the county barn when the contract expires on April 30, 2022. Mr. Emerson explained that there are 2 options, to do nothing and the county will automatically be rerouted to the local gas provider or to go with another company. County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that a former employee of Pro Energy who is now affiliated with Hamlin Energy visited with her and gave her information on the company. Commissioner Blair requested information on energy bills before signing with Pro Energy and bills after contracting with Pro Energy before making any decisions.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Four: Mr. Mike Bodensteiner addressed the Commissioners on ARPA funding. He addressed the application from Crawford County Rural Water District #4 that was discussed in the work session this morning.

On motion (22-083) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve to approve the ARPA application for funding from Crawford County Rural Water District #4 in the amount of \$75,000 for pipe replacement.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (22-084) 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-085) of Commissioner Blair 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 15 minutes to discuss Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:10 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 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson stated that Ms. Amy Sawyer, local representative for Senator Marshall's office contacted him in reference to the BASE grant on the Free King Hwy development. He stated that Ms. Sawyer stated that she would help out if the Commissioners should need any assistance, especially with the infrastructure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Three: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (22-086) 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

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than 15 minutes to discuss the Fiscal Clerk's under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Lisa Lusker and to reconvene by 11:27 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 11:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:19 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Ms. Lisa Lusker gave brief update on the job description.

Item Two: The Commissioners discussed the job description project and the employee evaluations for the Road & Bridge department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (22-087) 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 early retirement under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:25 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 11:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [March 1, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:37 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.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by [BKW 3/01/2022 11:37 AM/amended BKW 3/2/2022 3:30 PM](#)