

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, [NINETEENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, March 22, 2019 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.

Deputy County Clerk Larissa Bowman and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board and County Clerk Don Pyle was seated in the audience.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**On motion (19-082)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 19, 2019** 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 19	79	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 15, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 589141 to 589473 dated March 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$353,172.07
Motion 19	80	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:36 AM

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Motion 19	81	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:49 AM
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### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**Item One:** Mr. George Dockery, KDOT District Engineer, addressing the 69 Highway Project and Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Lines. Mr. Dockery stated that he is here to address project #KA 1554-03 most commonly called the Arma Connection, which is the 4-way expansion project from the K47 Junction north to 680<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He said that the project is on track to have a letting on September 16, 2019. Mr. Dockery explained that they are behind in acquiring right of ways and only 36% have been acquired. He said that a large number of tracts are being acquired by condemnation and the court proceedings will be taking place in April. He stated that all utilities must be moved by June 15, 2019. Mr. Dockery explained that before the project can be let it has to be certified to the Federal Highway Administration that all right of ways have been obtained and utilities moved. He stated that his main purpose today is because the Cr. Co. Sewer District #3 lines are on KDOT right-of-way and they need assistance from the County to have the lines relocated. Commissioner Moody asked what kind of assistance was needed and Mr. Dockery answered to oversee the project and provide funding. Mr. Dockery explained that there is a statute on water districts that says the state will pay for the relocation but the statute was never updated to include sewer districts. There was a discussion on where the lines were located and the length of lines that need to be moved. Mr. Robert Gorentz, Maintenance Supervisor, and Mr. Coby Hinton, Certified Operator, addressed the Commission. They stated that they have been working on this project and Mr. Hinton contacted PEC Engineering and received an estimate of approximately \$1,000,000 to relocate the lines. There was a discussion on options for funding and Mr. Dockery stated that the county can apply for a low interest loan through KDOT. Mr. Dockery explained that this is a very short time period but it needs to be kept it on track and a September letting means that the sewer lines need to be moved by June 2019 or at least plans need to be complete. There was a discussion on the 4-lane project from 680<sup>th</sup> to the Bourbon County line. Mr. Moody thanked Mr. Dockery for all his help over the years.

Mr. Dockery updated the Commission on a couple of other projects KDOT is working on which included the bridge at Hwy 126 and near 69 Bypass and the overpass on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Pittsburg near Schlanger Park.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Item One:** Commissioner Johnson addressed the work session with the City of Pittsburg and Olsson Engineering and stated that Mr. Jay Byers, City of Pittsburg Deputy City Manager, emailed him and stated that the city is moving forward with the development of a land use plan and the County will need to coordinate with Olsson Engineering on what the County wants to do with their scope of the project. Mr. Moody suggested a work session to get all individuals involved. Mr. Johnson will organize a work session.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody requested that Mr. Emerson, Mr. Hinton and Mr. Gorentz work together and research the KDOT low interest loan Mr. Dockery spoke about earlier on moving the sewer lines for Crawford County Sewer District #3 for the KDOT Arma Connection project. Mr. Emerson stated that the time line is too short to look into applying for a CDBG Grant and feels that the KDOT loan would be the best option. Mr. Hinton discussed where the sewer lines are currently located. Mr. Emerson will research the KDOT loan the Commissioners also requested to speak with the local legislators on this issue. Mr. Moody requested that County Clerk Don Pyle will contact the local legislators.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson addressed Federal Fund Exchange Program and stated that Mr. Randy Chiartano, Asphalt Foreman, had previously presented this and Commissioner Blair was not present. Mr. Emerson explained how the program previously worked and stated that now the state gets the money out to the counties as soon as possible. He explained that the funds can be used for anything to do with transportation and there are very few restrictions. He stated that this year the program is on a 90%/10% ratio and that last year it was on a 75%/25% ratio.

**On motion (19-083)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Request to Exchange Federal Funds under the Federal-Aid Exchange Master Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson discussed the policy on the procedure to be used for the submission of documents to the Board of County Commission by anyone wishing to conduct business at commission meeting. He explained the changes he made to the policy.

**On motion (19-084)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the policy for the submission of documents to the Board of County Commissioners by anyone that wants to conduct business at a commission meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson addressed the previous approval of Hayden Tower Services for pre-construction services for the Greenbush radio tower. Mr. Emerson explained that one of the items was the Topographic Survey and at the time of approval it was felt that County Surveyor Ron Albertini could do that work. Mr. Emerson stated that after looking at the scope of work from Hayden Tower Services, Mr. Albertini stated that he could do the work but it was more of a job for a team and would take Mr. Albertini a lengthy amount of time to do the survey and it needs to be done within the timeline. Mr. Emerson stated that he is asking the Commissioners to approve adding the Topographic Survey back into the proposal from Hayden Tower Service in the amount of \$3,250.00.

**On motion (19-085)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve adding the Topographic Survey back into the proposal from Hayden Tower Service in the amount of \$3,250.00 for the Greenbush radio tower.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson discussed the Defensive Driving Course contract from Varsolona Driving School. He stated that County Clerk Don Pyle calculated approximately 180 employees that will need to take the courses. Mr. Emerson discussed the details of the contract and some changes that will be made. Commissioner Blair requested that he be able to schedule the courses for his road crew.

**On motion (19-086)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the contract between Crawford County and Varsolona Driving School for defensive driving courses for Crawford County employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**On motion (19-087)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:03 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:58 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

**On motion (19-088)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:15 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:14 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: March 26, 2019 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign March 2019 bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: March 26, 2019 –** Mr. Randy Chiartano, Asphalt Foreman discussing City of Pittsburg and Crawford County asphalt bids.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: March 27, 2019, 2:00 PM –** Election equipment demonstration by Henry M. Adkins and Son, Inc in the Commission Meeting Room.

**Item Two: April 4, 2019 –** State of the City Luncheon from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Memorial Auditorium in Pittsburg. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [March 22, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:16 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 BKW 3/22/19 11:16 AM/amended BKW 3/25/19 11:00 AM](#)