

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, [TWENTY-FIRST](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Friday, March 29, 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. County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (19-093) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 26, 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	89	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 22, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	90	To approve the renewal of Cyber Insurance with Evolve for one year through Wood-Dulohery Insurance, Inc., in the amount of \$5,512.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 19	91	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 10:54 AM

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Motion 19	92	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 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 11:04 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Acting Sheriff Dan Smith addressed light poles at the Sheriff's Department and stated that in the last couple of years 2 of the light poles have fallen and one was on an employee's vehicle. He explained that after research it was decided to put LED lights all around building which is safer and more cost efficient and remove the light poles. He stated that the maintenance department employees did an excellent job in taking down the old light poles, clearing the area and removing the debris. Commissioner Moody stated that the county is fortunate to have the maintenance department that we have and asked Mr. Smith to utilize that department in the future whenever he needs them.

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley located in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas. Mr. Emerson presented maps of the area. Mr. Emerson explained the vacate request and how they take place and the procedure followed. Commissioner Moody was answered that there are different adjacent landowners on this alley in Chicopee but anyone in opposition will have the opportunity to voice their opinion. Mr. Emerson stated that there is a public hearing set for April 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

On motion (19-094) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee, Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing set for April 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that SEK Regional Library System board is in need of a representative from Crawford County. He stated that Ms. Marilyn VonSoosten

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has volunteered to serve on the board. Mr. Pyle said that he will readdress this issue on Tuesday.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the contract with Pro-Energy Solutions. He handed out the agreement and went through the agreement with the Commissioners. Mr. Emerson explained the 60 day opt out clause in the agreement. He stated that this agreement only pertains to the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Department and Jail in the county. Mr. Pyle showed a price comparison between Kansas Gas Service and Pro-Energy Solutions and explained that the county will still pay Kansas Gas Service for service charges, meter fees and transportations charges and that Pro-Energy will bill the county for the cost of gas only.

On motion (19-095) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Natural Gas Sales Agreement between Pro-Energy Solutions and Crawford County, Kansas 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 Four: Mr. Blair addressed early retirement for Crawford County Employees. Mr. Moody explained that in the past when early retirement was offered the purpose was to offer early retirement and the insurance package to employees that have been at the county for a long period and receive a high salary and to replace them with an entry level employee at a lesser salary. Mr. Emerson explained that it was offered based on the standards of KPERs retirement eligibility and it was researched to see if it would be beneficial for the county to offer it as far as absorbing the position or replacing the employee with a lower paid entry level position. Mr. Emerson stated that it has been 4 or 5 years since it was last offered. The Commissioners authorized County Counselor Jim Emerson to research this and compile a list of potentially eligible employees.

Item Five: Mr. Moody addressed the issue of moving the Sewer District #3 lines for the KDOT Arma Connection Project and stated that we could have the county's lobbyist, Bill Brady, research this and speak with KDOT. Mr. Emerson will contact Mr. Brady. Mr. Moody would also like to have Representative Ken Collins contacted to see how he could help the county with this issue. Commissioner Blair said that KDOT is going to have their engineers look into the issue and see how they can work with the county to get the project moving. Mr. Blair presented the other Commissioners with plans that show where the sewer lines are located and the projected highway area. Mr. Blair stated he has spoken with GIS Director Kyle Nelson and discussed the sewer lines and Mr. Nelson is going to contact the engineer that did the original sewer project to see if that engineer can also give us a projected cost along with a projected cost from PEC. Mr. Blair stated that he spoke to a representative who stated that KDOT is scheduling a meeting and will contact the county when it is scheduled. Mr. Moody requested that Commissioner Blair attend that meeting. Commissioner Moody stated that he has received several calls from concerned citizens about this issue. Mr. Moody appreciates the research Mr. Blair has done. He stated that this project is long in the making and the county will work through it

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and get it done. Mr. Blair stated that as long as a plan is in place and it is being worked on by June that should be sufficient for KDOT. He said that the easements that KDOT acquired will take care of the sewer line also. Mr. Blair stated that we need to get some definite numbers and get the project moving.

Item Six: Mr. Moody addressed Codes Court and Zoning Administrator Troy Graham gave the Commissioner an update on the current status of the cases in Codes Court.

Item Seven: Mr. Moody discussed the boundaries of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and stated that Mr. Graham has had a request from a landowner that is building a new home to extend the NRP lines. The Commissioners discussed the NRP program and the guidelines that were set out in the program including the areas involved, time periods and the types of construction allowed in the program.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Moody addressed the road project on the state line road and Mr. Emerson stated that he has contacted the parties involved but has not yet heard back. Mr. Moody asked that Mr. Emerson attempt to contact the party one more time. He stated that he feels we should be included in any decisions made that involve our county roads. Mr. Moody said that the closed road is in Commissioner Johnson's district and his district. Deputy Sheriff Geier said that the Sheriff's department was notified of the road being closed on March 19 which is the same day the Commission was made aware and that the road would be closed for 2 weeks from that date. Acting Sheriff Smith explained that he went ahead and posted the closing to make the public aware.

Item Two: Mr. Moody addressed the Employee Benefits Committee. The Commissioners will address this on Tuesday and make a decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

On motion (19-096) 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 Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 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 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:47 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 5, 2019 – Jenna & Jason Vitt addressing Crawford County Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: 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

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [March 29, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:48 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken BKW 3/29/19 10:48 AM/amended BKW 4/1/19 10:00 AM](#)