

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, SEVENTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion (21-074)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 5, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 21	72	The consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 2, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	73	To rescind Crawford County Local Health Officer Order No. 3 and to keep the mask mandate in effect

### 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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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**Item One:** Health Department Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners and stated that Ms. Janis Goedeke will be presenting the Aid to Local Grants signature page and stated that this consists of 10 grants. He stated that Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam will be giving a vaccination update.

Ms. Goedeke explained each of the grants from KDHE included in the Aid to Local Grants, the amounts requested and the types of expenses that each grant covers.

**On motion (21-075)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Aid to Local Grants Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody.

**The motion prevailed.**

Ms. Van Kam gave an update on the vaccinations taking place through the Health Department. She stated that there is a vaccination clinic at Lincoln Center in Pittsburg tomorrow from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. She explained that there are 50 people who have made appointments at this clinic but it will also be opened up to 65 and over individuals on a first come first serve basis. She stated that on Thursday, March 11, 2021 the Health Department will be at The Foundry at Block 22 on Broadway Street from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM vaccinating employees of essential businesses on a first come first serve basis and no appointment is necessary. Ms. Van Kam said that the vaccination form is now on the web site and are also available at the Health Department if people would like to obtain the forms and fill them out ahead of time. She explained by the end of Friday, half of the staff and teachers at the school districts will be vaccinated with their second doses and by April 2<sup>nd</sup> all the schools should be completed with the second vaccination doses. She stated that there will be some teams going out tomorrow to vaccinate at a few of the larger essential businesses in Pittsburg. Commissioner Johnson asked about essential businesses and Ms. Van Kam stated that the process is going well. She stated that she is not sure when Phase III will start which will be announced by Governor Kelly. Ms. Van Kam briefly discussed the vaccinations available through the Community Health Center of SEK that come from a federal allotment.

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Dave Garrett, Secretary/Treasurer for Crawford County Fire District #4 and Crawford County Fire Fighters' Association addressed the Commissioners in reference to a fit test machine and presented information on a machine. He stated that there are 17 fire departments in the County and every fire department firefighter has to be fit tested once a year before going to any fires. He explained that there is a machine available to them from Parsons and he would like to research obtaining another machine. He explained how the machine makes sure that each firefighters mask fits properly. Mr. Garrett said that the machine will be shared by all the fire departments in the county.

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**On motion (21-076)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the purchase of an OHD QuantiFit2 Respirator Kit Testing System in the amount of \$10,110.00, to be used by all the fire departments in the county.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle discussed Project 17. He presented a memo he received from Mr. Dick Horton, Project 17 Board Chairperson asking for Crawford County's continued participation. Mr. Pyle explained Project 17. The Commissioners agreed to continue with participation in Project 17 and Mr. Pyle will notify Mr. Horton.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures if the discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect specific systems, facilities or equipment.

**On motion (21-077)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 matters relating to security measures if the discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect specific systems, facilities or equipment to discuss cybersecurity and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:45 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Bill Brady from Capitol Strategies will be attending the meeting via Zoom on Friday to give a legislative update. Mr. Pyle stated that he emailed the local legislators to make them aware that Mr. Brady will be speaking and Representative Collins will try to attend via Zoom, Senator Hildebrand will let Mr. Pyle know his plans and he still needs to contact Representative Smith. The Commissioners, Mr. Pyle and Mr. Emerson discussed some of the proposed bills.

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**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair reported on the meeting he attended with Jayhawk Wind yesterday and explained that they went through the road use agreement and the county will receive updated maps. He stated that the County's engineers will be looking into the current road conditions in that area to be able to tell in the end if there were any changes.

**Item Three:** Mr. Blair stated that the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale will be April 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Emerson stated that information on the sale is posted on the county website at [www.crawfordcountykansas.org](http://www.crawfordcountykansas.org). Mr. Emerson said that GIS Director Kyle Nelson is working on a map to show the locations of the properties for sale.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: March 11, 2021** – Mr. Bill Brady, Capitol Strategies with a legislative update.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: April 7, 2021** – Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale at 1:00 PM at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium.

### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [March 9, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:52 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

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 3/09/2021 10:52 AM/amended BKW 3/11/2021 2:00 PM