

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **EIGHTY-SIXTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, November 6, 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 (20-454) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 30, 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	448	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 27, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	449	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss COVID-19 under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean, Health Director Janis Goedeke and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:35 AM
Motion 20	450	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss COVID-19 under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean, Health Director Janis Goedeke and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:01 AM

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Motion 20	451	To approve the appointment of Tresa Miller to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	452	To approve the bid from Craw-Kan for video equipment for the Courthouse
Motion 20	453	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Noxious Weed department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:27 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officials presenting a COVID-19 update. Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Thursday, November 6, 2020. County Health Officer Dr. Timothy Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and discussed the increase in numbers of positive cases and quarantines. He stated that the numbers are trending up and they are concerned with the increase in cases. He also discussed the number of deaths. Dr. Stebbins addressed the School K-12 Gating Criteria and stated that there is a small increase from last week and all were outside contacts. He discussed the Community Gating Criteria and went through the Age Breakdown for New COVID Cases and the Hospital Capacity. Dr. Stebbins addressed contact tracing and explained that KDHE is overwhelmed with contact tracing cases and they have sent all contact tracing back to the local health departments. He explained that locally it is fine but regionally it is a major challenge. Dr. Stebbins stated that yesterday he and Dr. Bean participated in a Face Book Live business forum session through the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the forum had over 2,000 views and excellent feedback. He stated that the Kansas City Greater Area Chief Medical Officers did a briefing to all the local governments in their region due to hospital capacity and explained that the Kansas City Greater Area has 700 to 800 ICU beds total and only 50 to 75 beds currently available and that is in the 10% range. He explained that they are our resource when we need help and that will greatly impact our area. He stated that getting the information to businesses and having them put in place the mitigation plans is important to give them a better understanding of what they can do to protect themselves and the community. Dr. Bean explained that another challenge right now is that they are now seeing influenza cases in the hospital. The Health Officers discussed the diversion comparison from previous years to this year. Commissioner Moody asked for an update on the local hospitals and Dr. Stebbins stated that there are no ICU beds available at Ascension Via Christi and only 2 ICU beds available at Girard Medical Center. County Health Director Janis Goedeke discussed KDHE sending all contact tracing cases back to the local health departments and stated that the Health Department has picked up the contact tracing and the addition of 1 epi nurse would save money in overtime wages and decrease the stress level of the employees and the Commissioners agreed. She addressed a survey from KDHE on SPARK money and stated that most counties biggest need would be money for staffing. Dr. Stebbins discussed Bourbon County and contact tracing. Ms. Goedeke addressed preventive care and discussed one employee that put her own health aside to do her job at the health department.

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Executive Director for Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners. He presented the Commissioners with a Press Release stating that the Crawford County Mental Health Center received a Sunderland Foundation Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the new ATC. He also stated he will be speaking via zoom through the Block 22 program on Tuesday about the mental health impact due to COVID-19.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
NEW BUSINESS**

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he will present the October 2020 Clerk's Report on Tuesday.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Alleys located in the Western Coal & Mining Company's Subdivision of a portion of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 25 East Crawford County, Kansas. He showed a map of the area and explained where the proposed alleys are located.

On motion (20-455) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate Platted Alleys located in the Western Coal & Mining Company's Subdivision of a portion of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 25 East Crawford County, Kansas with a public hearing set for December 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson stated that he left some material from Triad Engineering with the Commissioners to review and he would like to address landfill negotiations on Tuesday in an executive session.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody stated that a taxpayer had contacted him about a fence viewing and Mr. Emerson stated that it had been scheduled but could not get all the needed people to attend and he will work on getting it scheduled and will contact County Surveyor Ron Albertini.

Item Five: Mr. Moody addressed the Crawford County Tax Sale that was cancelled in March due to COVID and Mr. Emerson stated that he has to have a green light from the courts to get it rescheduled and he is working on this.

Item Six: Commissioner Johnson asked County Clerk Don Pyle for an update on how the General Election went. Mr. Pyle discussed advance voting and stated that the election

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totals came out good. He also discussed the post-election audit that was held yesterday. He explained that on Election Day we had great cooperation from the local law enforcement who kept a watch on the polling locations throughout the day. Mr. Pyle spoke about the turnout at the polls on election day.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed paying for the Wheel Loader and the Commissioners decided to pay for it out of the current year Road and Bridge budget.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson showed the Commissioners some survey questions that PIO Samantha Garrett and Michael Ehling had put together. Ms. Garrett explained how she will make the survey assessable to the public. She stated that the surveys will be confidential. Mr. Johnson stated that a layer for demographics would be helpful and Ms. Garrett agreed. Ms. Garrett will readdress this at a later date.

Item Three: Mr. Blair addressed the road striping and Mr. Emerson stated that the striping has been completed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 10, 2020 – 9:00 AM Canvassing of ballots from the 2020 General Election with the regular session commencing after the canvass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 11, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

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 [November 6, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:55 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.

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