

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **EIGHTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, October 20, 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 (20-434)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 16, 2020** 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 20	428	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 9, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners AND Approval of the October 13, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Canvassers AND Approval of the October 13, 2020 minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners AND Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 601471 to 601715 dated October 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$471,447.85
Motion 20	429	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the position of Noxious Weed Director under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:30 AM

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Motion 20	430	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Public Information Officer budget under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett and to reconvene by 11:36 AM
Motion 20	431	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Health Survey under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett and to reconvene by 11:47 AM
Motion 20	432	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department Contract under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:01 PM
Motion 20	433	To approve a purchasing card through GNBANK for Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett with a credit limit of \$2,500

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**On motion (20-435)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss an employee evaluation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sign Foreman Dale Shireman and to reconvene by 10:23 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 10:08 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:20 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (20-436)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss an employee evaluation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:31 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:21 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:28 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** Ms. Janis Goedeke, Health Department Director addressed the Commissioners. She discussed the care coordinators and stated that they are picking up some of the community positive contact tracing. She also discussed the care coordinators working with the local schools. She stated that the health officials had a meeting that morning with the area school superintendents and explained what was discussed in the meeting. Ms. Goedeke stated that the general public has been responding with complaints and the health department has mitigated those complaints and she stated that this gives the community a little more authority and power. She stated that GIS Director Kyle Nelson created a map with the addresses of the positive cases which is very helpful to the health officials. She discussed mask wearing and plexiglass barriers in businesses. She stated that the mobile testing unit is on the way today. Commissioner Blair stated that he likes the direction we are going with trying to handle the quarantines and contact tracing in house. He discussed local businesses and the issues they are dealing with.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the Commission and stated that the Sheriff Department's nurse started in the last couple of weeks through the partnership with the Community Health Center. He said that she is doing spectacular and discussed some of the programs the nurse is going to try to implement. He stated that the jail is still at zero COVID 19 cases.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he applied for a grant through the Center for Tech and Civic Life and the election office was awarded just over \$25,000 to help with the costs of advance voting and other programs. He discussed the election office and what is taking place at this time and stated that he has hired part time help for the next 3 weeks or so to assist in the office. He discussed the Center for Tech and Civic Life and what the organization does.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the County Health Insurance for 2021 through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and stated that representative Cristy Mitchell will be attending the meeting on Friday via phone call to discuss the coverage and answer any questions. He explained that since the county has a self-insured plan, the county is allowed to pick and choose some of the benefits and that needs to be decided on Friday. Mr. Emerson stated that he will email the Commissioners information on the coverages that will be discussed on Friday.

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## OLD BUSINESS

### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

**On motion (20-437)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody 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 address COVID 19 Mitigation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:04 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 10:49 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:04 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

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [October 20, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:06 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 by BKW 10/20/2020 11:06 AM/amended BKW 10/22/20 11:30 AM](#)