

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SEVENTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, October 29, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was in attendance via Zoom.

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

Vice Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (21-352) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 26, 2021** 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 21	347	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 22, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	348	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:40 AM
Motion 21	349	To authorize County Counselor Jim Emerson to electronically sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Southeast Kansas Education Service Center-Greenbush and the Crawford County Commission
Motion 21	350	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the County Surveyor position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:58 AM
Motion 21	351	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge

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		Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners and gave an update on the developments of Dr. Timothy Stebbins being the Crawford County Health Officer. He stated that Dr. Stebbins has served as Crawford County Health Officer since June of 2020. He explained that effective November 1, 2021 Dr. Stebbins will remain the Crawford County Health Officer, consultant to the Commission for the Board of Health and medical advisor for the Health Department responding to COVID-19 but will reduce his time from full time to quarter time. Mr. Ehling wanted to thank Dr. Stebbins for all his work and leadership. Commissioner Moody also wanted to thank Dr. Stebbins for his leadership along with Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Ehling. The Commissioners agreed with Dr. Stebbins going to quarter time.

Item Two: Mr. Ehling gave a short update on the Mental Health Department. He discussed the school systems and mental health services needed by the students and the impact COVID-19 has had on the students.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle addressed a letter from the Commissioners supporting General Public Transportation that was requested by the Coordinated Transit District #10. The letter states that Crawford County has budgeted \$14,901 in local funding to be applied to the match requirement as outlined in the transportation program operated by the Kansas Department of Transportation. The letter also states that the funds will be available in distributions continuing from July 2022 through June 2023 for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 grant year.

On motion (21-353) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter of support for General Public Transportation as requested by the Coordinated Transit District #10.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Authority to Award Contract Commitment of County Funds for Bridge Project Number 019 C-5003-01 STP-C494(321). He stated that KDOT has accepted the bid on the project and the low bid was

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from Mission Construction Co Inc, St. Paul KS in the amount of \$366,090. He explained that this bridge is located 16.7 miles south and .2 miles east of Walnut KS. He stated that the county matching funds are \$81,000.

On motion (21-354) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Authority to Award Contract Commitment of County Funds for Bridge Project Number 019 C-5003-01 STP-C494(321).

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented a Real Estate Contract between S&L Developers LLC & Crawford County, Kansas for property located in Section 24, Township 29, Range 23, 5.1 Acres in the amount of \$20,400. He explained that this land is adjacent to the County Barn in Girard.

On motion (21-355) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Real Estate Contract between S&L Developers LLC & Crawford County, Kansas for property located in Section 24, Township 29, Range 23, 5.1 Acres in the amount of \$20,400 and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated that he has received a request from District Court Administrator Mac Young for a Crawford County purchasing card with a \$2,500 limit. He explained that the county pays for the supplies and operations of District Court.

On motion (21-356) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve a purchasing credit card for District Court Administrator Mac Young with a credit limit of \$2,500 from GNBANK.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Mr. Emerson addressed an Economic Development Tax Rebate for Sullivan Properties LLC. He stated that the 2020 rebate amount is \$5,340.04. He explained that this is the 4th year of a 5-year rebate.

On motion (21-357) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Economic Development Grant and Tax Rebate for the county portion of 2020 real estate taxes in the amount of \$5,340.04 for Sullivan Properties, LLC.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the City/School General Election. He stated that Election Day is November 2, 2021. He said that the Post-Election Audit will take place on November 4, 2021 and an announcement will be posted on the county website about the time and place of the audit. He said that that the canvass for this election will be held on November 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM before the Regular Session.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair addressed the bridge report and prioritizing the work that needs to be done on the bridges.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: November 2, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Employee Benefit Committee to discuss County Health Insurance and the employee portal.

Item Two: November 9, 2021 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on vacating platted streets and alleys in the Town of Dunkirk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [October 29, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:22 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 by BKW 10/29/2021 10:22 AM/amended BKW 11/1/2021 1:30 PM