

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, September 21, 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 Tom Moody 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 (21-290)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 17, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

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

Motion 21	286	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 14, 2021 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 608310 to 608547 dated September 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$582,329.72
Motion 21	287	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: George C Brown Post #26 Girard American Legion PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds) DATE: Beginning at 12:01 PM on September 17, 2021 and ending at 11:59 PM on September 19, 2021. (For consumption on the premises) EVENT: Legacy of Music 2021

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Motion 21	288	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$196.39 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	289	To approve the minimum bids for the properties to be sold at the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale at 1:00 PM on September 24, 2021 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor

### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

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

**Item One:** County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. Crawford County Director of Public Health Teddi Van Kam gave the Commissioners a copy of the Gating Criteria for the week ending 9/18/2021. Ms. Van Kam reviewed the numbers that indicated there was a reduction in new cases to 66 from 115 the previous week and 158 the week before that. Overall, the data indicated a significant decrease in new infections and in the resources that are being used by the health care facilities in the county. Ms. Van Kam indicated that if the trend continues in this direction the county health officials may reach the point to recommend that masks be optional in the local schools. It was discussed that it is great to see the improvement in these numbers and that they hope this continues. Commissioner Johnson was answered that they are still searching for contact tracers in the schools but they have not had a lot of interest in the positions.

Commissioner Moody mentioned that Mr. Jeff Murphy of rural Girard was present with some questions regarding school mitigation efforts that affect his 4 children. Mr. Murphy understands that covid is a terrible disease but he has some concerns for his son in kindergarten and the need for he and other children to see the faces of their teachers and classmates. He also discussed some other issues that can be caused or made worse by the continued wearing of masks. He had some other concerns that he would like to get responses for. Ms. Van Kam answered some of the questions being asked but she did not have the data with her to address some of the other questions. Ms. Van Kam stated that the health department takes all of the concerns of parents and others in the community very seriously and they want to try to address all of those concerns. She also stated that the health department is only making recommendations to the school boards and that it is a school decision on the measures that are being taken. Mr. Murphy was answered that the data posted online from counties and the state can sometimes be behind because they have such a large volume of information to enter.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson gave the Commissioners a brief update on the progress being made on the construction of the Jayhawk Wind Farm in the northwest part

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of the county. Mr. Emerson stated that there is some repair work on a few roads that has yet to be done. He stated that he was told that most of the construction work in Crawford County is nearing completion.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson asked Ms. Lisa Lusker to introduce herself. Ms. Lusker has been appointed to become the County Clerk for Crawford County at the beginning of 2022.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle mentioned that he had registered for a Webinar on the American Recovery Plan that will be presented on Sept. 24, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson reminded the Commissioners that Mr. Mike Bodensteiner with Greenbush will return on October 1, 2021. The Commissioners decided to host a work session on October 1, 2021 beginning at 9:00 AM to discuss the ARPA Funds.

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson mentioned that the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale will be held on Friday, September 24 at 1:00 PM in the courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse in Girard. He wanted to remind the public that the wearing of face masks will be required at the sale.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: September 24, 2021 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Crawford County 2022 Budget and the Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets and hearings on the Revenue Neutral Rates.

**Item Two: September 28, 2021 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review & sign September bill and payroll vouchers.

**Item Three: October 1, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner of Greenbush regarding the ARPA Funds.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: September 24, 2021 – 1:00 PM** Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Crawford County Courthouse. Masks will be required and will be made available along with hand sanitizer.

#### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [September 21, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:27 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**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 9/21/2021 10:27 AM/amended DPP 9/22/2021 3:00 PM