

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, [SEVENTY-FOURTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, September 22, 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 (20-397)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **September 18, 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	392	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 15, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	393	To recess the Commission meeting for 5 minutes
Motion 20	394	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Public Information Officer position 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 11:50 AM
Motion 20	395	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 discuss protentional Health Department contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:25 PM

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Motion 20	396	To approve the appointment of Cord Mays as interim Noxious Weed Director
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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 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that Mr. Mike Bodensteiner would like to address the Commissioners in reference to the SPARK funding. Mr. Bodensteiner stated that they have responded to the questions from the state and that the county needs to move forward. He explained that all the MOU's are ready and suggested that those been sent out with a footnote explaining that it is conditional upon State approval and the Commissioners and Mr. Emerson agreed.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that he would like to have a work session on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM with Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Environmental Services and Dr. Jim Triplett to discuss landfill issues. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Tom Moody stated that the cell phone contact number for the Noxious Weed Department on the county website needs to be changed to reflect the contact number for the interim Noxious Weed Director Cord Mays. Mr. Emerson will take care of this issue.

### OLD BUSINESS:

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

**On motion (20-398)** 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 discuss the Jayhawk Wind Farm and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:27 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 10:12 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:20 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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Mr. Emerson stated that Jayhawk Wind has requested to expand the a very small portion of the boundaries in the northwest corner of the Crawford County Project and a motion is needed to approve this which would revise the road use agreement and authorize the County Counselor to sign a Development Regulations in Crawford County, Kansas Letter stating that there is no zoning or other regulations to not allow this to happen. Commissioner Blair stated that the expansion is approximately a section and a half.

**On motion (20-399)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to authorize County Counselor Jim Emerson to sign the Jayhawk Wind Development Regulations in Crawford County, Kansas Letter.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (20-400)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the request from Jayhawk Wind for the expansion of boundaries for the Crawford County Project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** County Sanitarian Bill Towery addressed the Commissioners with an update on the waste water system at the SEK Humane Society. He stated that it is complete and in operation. He wanted to thank Road District #1 Foreman Bill Kavanagh and his crew for the great job they did. Mr. Towery explained who took part in making this happen. He stated that a septic tank will be installed and informed the Commissioners who will be donating time and material to get the septic tank installed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

**On motion (20-401)** 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 discuss a Health Department Contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:40 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (20-402)** 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 discuss potential Health Department contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:51 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 10:36 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:51 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: September 25, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Environmental Services and Dr. Jim Triplett to discuss landfill issues.

**Item Two: September 29, 2020 –** Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director, presenting Community Corrections FY 2021 Carryover Reimbursement Budget and the FY2020 Community Corrections Outcomes Report.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: October 6, 2020 –** The City of Pittsburg Special Question Election will be held with all 4 polling sites in Pittsburg open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

### **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 22, 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.**

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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 9/22/2020 10:50 AM/amended BKW 9/24/2020 11:15 AM](#)