

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SIXTY-NINTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Tuesday, September 28, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were 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 (21-306) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [September 24, 2021](#) 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 21	291	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 21, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	292	To open the public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2022 Crawford County Budget
Motion 21	293	To close the public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2022 Crawford County Budget
Motion 21	294	To adopt Resolution #2021-008, a Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate in its property Tax Levy for the Tax Year of 2021
Motion 21	295	To open the public hearing on the Crawford County FY 2022 budget
Motion 21	296	To close the public hearing on the Crawford County FY 2022 budget

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Motion 21	297	To adopt the FY 2022 Crawford County Budget as published
Motion 21	298	To open the public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for Crawford County Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two and Fire District Number Four 2022 Budgets
Motion 21	299	To close the public hearing on the Revenue Neutral Rate for Crawford County Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two and Fire District Number Four 2022 Budgets
Motion 21	300	To adopt Resolution #2021-009, A Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for Crawford County Fire District Number 1, Resolution #2021-010, A Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for Crawford County Fire District Number 2 and Resolution #2021-011, A Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for Crawford County Fire District Number 4
Motion 21	301	To open the public hearing on the Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three and Fire District Number Four of Crawford County FY 2022 budgets
Motion 21	302	To close the public hearing on the Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three and Fire District Number Four of Crawford County FY 2022 budgets
Motion 21	303	To adopt the Fire District Number One, Fire District Number Two, Fire District Number Three and Fire District Number Four of Crawford County FY 2022 budgets as published
Motion 21	304	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 10:25 AM
Motion 21	305	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Health Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:36 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 with COVID-19 update. The Commissioners were presented with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 9/25/2021. Dr. Tim Stebbins and Teddi Van Kam addressed the Commissioners stating that the county's new case count has decreased and hospital capacity is improving. There are still challenges with long-distance patient transfers, and also with staffing at long-term care facilities. K-12 schools incidence rates are improving. A meeting with area administrators is scheduled for Friday to discuss whether County Health Officials will be recommending shifting from universal masking to mask optional in schools. There have already been 6 positive tests for Influenza A in the community, and both Dr. Stebbins and Ms. Van Kam agree that getting the flu shot

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is the best method of prevention. Both officials spoke about the Covid booster and the Covid vaccine for children under 12, stating that the county will follow guidelines from the KDHE. Bryan Hanson spoke to the Commissioners regarding quarantine rules. His son attends Pittsburg High School and was quarantined because of a classroom contact. Mr. Hansen had several concerns regarding how the matter was handled and Commissioner Moody suggested he consult the USD 250 Board of Education. Commissioner Blair suggested facilitating a discussion with Mr. Hanson with the Health Officials, not during a Commission meeting.

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 Clerk Don Pyle spoke about some mailings that have been brought to the attention of the Clerk's office. The mailings contain an application for voter registration, or for an application for advanced ballot. He stated that these mailings were not from the County Clerk, nor were they affiliated with the County. Mr. Pyle wants the public to know that they can contact the office at anytime to request information on their voter status, or to request an advanced ballot.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that Blake Benson with the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce requested to attend the October 1st meeting for an executive session to discuss the CVB director.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed his district's mowing equipment being in repair. He asked Commissioners Moody and Johnson for their districts' help to get caught up with mowing. Commissioner Blair also requested a work session soon to discuss fall projects.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody asked County Counselor Jim Emerson how the tax sale went. Mr. Emerson stated that 32 of the properties were sold, collecting \$179,949 out of the sale. It was well attended and successful. Mr. Emerson mentioned that the property east of the County barn did not sell, and suggested the County keep the property. Commissioner Blair would like to use the property to create additional employee parking. Another tax sale is tentatively planned early in 2022, and one in the summer of 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated he received a cost estimate on the property the County acquired in Chicopee. The cleanup estimate was lower than previously thought, cost will be around \$5,000. Commissioner Moody suggested the project go forward.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson spoke about attending the Girard Chamber's E Community meeting last week. He learned a lot about the program, and was impressed with the youth entrepreneur competition and revolving loan program to assist with businesses.

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

Item Two: October 1, 2021 – Dr. Jackie Youtsos addressing Employer Sponsored Child Care Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [September 28, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:21 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 LL 9/28/2021 11:21 AM/ Amended DPP 9/30/2021 1:00 PM