

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, April 12, 2019 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.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

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

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (19-111) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 9, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 19	105	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 5, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	106	To approve the purchase of the Nixle 360 Mass Notification System through Everbridge
Motion 19	107	To approve the proposal from Asphalt Paving & Maint. for Recycled Asphalt for 2019
Motion 19	108	To approve closing the Courthouse all day on Friday, April 19, 2019 in observance of Good Friday
Motion 19	109	To appoint Ms. Marilyn VonSoosten as Crawford County representative to the SEK Regional Library System Board effective immediately

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Motion 19	110	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 10:46 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Dr. James Triplett, SEK Recycling Board of Directors Chairman, addressed the Commission about the Recycling Center. Mr. Triplett stated that he wrote an editorial called the Future of Recycling and asked the Commissioners to read the editorial. He discussed the lower prices of recyclables and the major changes that have taken place over the past years which resulted in the finances at the Center not going well and that the center has lost an average of about \$4,300 per year over the last 4 or 5 years. He stated that he attended a webinar sponsored by the City of Pittsburg Sustainability Advisory Committee called Saving Recycling What Local Officials Need to Know and it captured what is going on in the recycling industry. He explained what single stream recycling is and the reasons why the Center did not go that way. He explained some of the initiatives that have taken place to try and create more revenue. Dr. Triplett explained that the bottom line is the SEK Recycling Center is short of money and if payroll cannot be made, they will have to shut the doors. He stated that he is looking for long term change in relationship between the public and the recycling center. He discussed the landfill special assessment that was assessed to the tax rolls several years ago. He explained that approximately \$7,000 a month is needed until the issues at the center are worked out. Commissioner Moody asked for more information about the special assessment that was on the tax rolls previously and County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the special assessment was on when the county owned the landfill and went off the tax rolls when it became a privately-owned landfill. Mr. Moody was answered by Mr. Emerson that when negotiating the new landfill contract, which is coming up in the near future, a special assessment can be addressed at that time. Dr. Triplett stated that the owner of the landfill, Waste Corporation, has been a great partner with the Recycling Center and explained what they have done to help the center. Commissioner Moody asked about assistance from the City of Pittsburg and Dr. Triplett said that the City donates about \$3,000 a year and has also waived some payments on loans the center had with the city. Mr. Triplett gave a short recap of the Center's assets and debts. He discussed the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) program and County Clerk Don Pyle stated that the County reimburses the Recycling Center for the HHW expenses through the Landfill line item in the General Fund. Dr. Triplett stated that the Center has cut back on employee costs and currently has 4 full time and 6 part time employees and have let 2 full time employees go and are not going to replace those employees. Mr. Johnson asked what time frame is being projected for the \$7,000 a month assistance. Dr. Triplett stated that the editorial he wrote will be published in all the local newspapers and that might create some donations but that is not a long-term fix. Mr. Moody asked about the urgency on this matter and Dr. Triplett stated that the top priority is meeting payroll and the urgency depends on the immediate public response to the editorial. Commissioner Moody stated that the Commission wants to help

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as the Recycling Center is important to the Community but it is going to take some thought and probably some work sessions to sort it out.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIAL

Item One: Mr. Troy Graham addressed the request from Jason & Jenna Vitt to extend the boundaries of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Mr. Graham displayed an aerial view of the Vitt's property and the boundaries of the NRP Program. Mr. Blair stated that he feels that the program is to encourage development and this property is on the fringe of the lines. He also stated that the Vitt's seem to have followed the proper channels with their request. Ms. Jenna Vitt addressed the Commission and discussed the small lots that are within the boundaries and the issue of septic systems. Mr. Moody stated that he is fine with granting the boundary extension this time since it is so close to the boundary line but needs something in place for the future for this kind of situation. The Commissioners agreed to the extension. Mr. Graham stated that the Vitt's application is the first for the program. Mr. Emerson stated that a resolution is needed to approve the amendment to extend the boundaries to add the legal description of Vitt's property.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presenting Resolution #2019-010, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees. Mr. Emerson explained the eligibility guidelines and stated that it follows the KPERS Rules. He stated that the resolution offers a paid 5-year floating insurance plan and the 5 years must be consecutive. Mr. Moody stated that early retirement has been offered several times in the past but not with the 5 years insurance stipulation. Mr. Emerson stated that one year the resolution did include an age restriction. Mr. Emerson explained that the reasoning behind the 5 year health insurance stipulation is to make sure the retirement plan is cost effective. He stated that the resolution will take effect on January 1, 2019 and the employee must retire by December 31, 2019. He said that the employee wanting to retire must notify the fiscal office and fill out the appropriate paperwork by June 1, 2019. Commissioner Blair stated that the offer helps employees who are eligible to retire but must work just for health insurance. Commissioner Blair stated he would like to extend the retirement deadline to April 30, 2019. The other Commissioners agreed. Mr. Emerson will amend the Resolution and present it later in the meeting.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair addressed the filing cabinets on the first floor in the hallways and would like them all removed by Student Government Day. He stated he would also like to have a cleanup in the basement started soon.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody would like a representative from Live Well at a meeting to discuss some issue. Mr. Pyle will set it up.

On motion (19-112) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to take a 5 minutes recess at 10:55 AM.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commission reconvened at 11:00 AM.

Item One continued: Mr. Emerson presented amended Resolution #2019-010. He stated that he amended Section 2 to read that the employee must retire no later than April 30, 2020 and the employee must notify the fiscal office and sign the appropriate forms no later than July 1, 2019.

On motion (19-113) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2019-010, A Resolution Establishing an Early Retirement Program for Crawford County Employees.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Johnson addressed the position for the assistant for the tax sales. Mr. Emerson stated that the position has been posted by Kansas Works, the Girard Press and the Morning Sun. He stated that the word is getting out and there has been some interest. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Emerson about the status of the tax sale held last October and Mr. Emerson stated that the deeds are complete but need to be sealed by the Clerk of the District Court and the deeds should be mailed out by next week.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Don Pyle addressed the proposal from Asphalt Paving & Maint. for Recycled Asphalt for 2019. He stated that the Commissioners made a motion to approve the proposal on April 9 but did not sign the proposal.

On motion (19-114) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal from Asphalt Paving & Maint. for Recycled Asphalt for 2019.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle presented the bids for an engineering firm for the Crawford County Sewer District Number 3 force main relocation. He handed out information from PEC, Kramer Consulting LLC and Earle's Engineering & Inspection, Inc. The Commissioners stated that there is no bid amount with the information from Earle's Engineering. Mr. Jim

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Zibert from Earle's Engineering stated that there is no price included in their qualifications as they did not have a definite scope to bid by. Mr. Zibert stated that if they are selected for the project then will sit down before any work is done and figure out a price when entering into a contract. Commissioner Blair stated that Kramer Consulting did the original sewer project and PEC is doing the utility work for Arma. The Commissioners asked Mr. Zibert if he could have a bid by Tuesday if he was given the General Scope of Services. The Commissioners decided to give Mr. Emerson the bids and have him and Commissioner Blair meet with Mr. Zibert after the meeting with the information to give him an opportunity to bid. The Commissioners stated that a decision must be made by Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS

Item One: April 16, 2019 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Shop Foreman Greg Hite regarding equipment needs and issues.

Item Two: April 16, 2019 -- Mr. Travis Klinesmith regarding John Deere motor graders.

Item Three: April 16, 2019 – Work Session immediately after the regular session with Ollson Associates to discuss a land development plan.

Item Four: April 23, 2019 – Ms. Angie Hadley, Director Restorative Justice Authority presenting FY 2020 Comprehensive and Reinvestment Grants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 19, 2019 – The Courthouse will be closed all day in observance of Good Friday.

Item Two: April 23, 2019 – Student Government Day.

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 [April 12, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:18 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.

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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 BKW 4/12/19 11:18 AM/amended BKW 4/15/19 11:00 AM](#)