

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **THIRTY-FIRST** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, April 17, 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.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (20-176) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **April 14, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 597884 to 598119 dated April 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$439,947.31, and
3. 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 Deputy County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	169	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 7, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	170	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the Sign Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Dale Shireman and to reconvene by 10:45 AM
Motion 20	171	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and

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		Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,991.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	172	To approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 from Heck and Wicker Inc. on Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the amount of \$44,140.52 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	173	To take a 5-minute recess and return by 11:42 AM
Motion 20	174	To approve the Development Agreement, the Complaint Resolution Agreement, the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement, the Contribution Agreement and the Decommissioning Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas and Jayhawk Wind LLC
Motion 20	175	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 landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:18 PM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners with an update on the COVID-19. She stated that the Governor extended the stay at home order until March 3, 2020. She said that there are no new cases in Crawford County and one case is still hospitalized. Commissioner Blair asked about the statistics on new cases in the surrounding counties and Ms. Adamson explained that Montgomery and Labette Counties have had the most increase in cases, Cherokee County has only had 1 or 2 new cases and Wilson County had 1 new case. Commissioner Moody asked about the public requesting that barber shops and beauty salons be reopened and Ms. Adamson stated that she has had no phone calls on this issue. Commissioner Moody stated that the businesses are following the guidelines and since there are no new cases it must be effective. There was a discussion on testing, turnaround time and negative results. Ms. Adamson stated that there are some tests on the market for antibodies but none of the tests are FDA approved and KDHE is not recommending usage of these tests. Commissioner Johnson discussed what will take place at the county level after the Governor's orders expire on May 3, 2020 and Ms. Adamson explained what options could happen at that time. Ms. Adamson said that next week should be the peak and after that the county could look at what can take place after the May 3, 2020 date.

Sheriff Smith gave an update on his department. He stated that one inmate was tested for COVID-19 and it was negative. He explained that any new arrestees are quarantined for 14 days before being put in with the general population. He said that he feels the protocol that his departments have in place are working well. He stated that he and his staff are currently discussing transitions when the lobby is allowed to be open. He discussed the value of an After Action Report.

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County Treasurer Joe Grisolano discussed the 2nd half tax deadline which is Monday, May 11, 2020 this year. He stated that he has had numerous phone calls to see if the deadline is going to be extended or penalties or fees waved. Mr. Grisolano explained that after researching the statues he believes that it would take legislative action to change the deadline. He said that as of right now the deadline to pay the 2019 2nd half taxes remains at May 11, 2020. He stated that he urges taxpayers that are having issues with paying their taxes to call his office and his department will work with them in the best way possible within the law. He reported on the procedures his department has been following the last few weeks to assist taxpayers and stated that it has been working out very well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-177) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the sign department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:36 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 10:26 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:31 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-178) 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 Non-Elected Personnel to discuss the sign department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Dale Shireman and to reconvene by 10:47 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 10:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:41 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair addressed the extended Governor's stay at home order until May 3, 2020 and the Commissioners decided to extend the same guidelines for the courthouse for limited public access through May 3, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Three: Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-179) 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 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to discuss Emergency Management and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 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 10:43 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that he spoke with Mr. George Dockery from KDOT about K7 Highway and Mr. Dockery stated that it is up to the Governor's level. He discussed documenting all accidents and submitting them to the correct department at the state. Commissioner Blair stated that he believes when the work begins on Hwy 69 that there will be a massive increase in traffic on K7 Highway. Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Dockery also discussed the change to a 10-foot restriction and Mr. Emerson explained this issue and with the GPS system reflecting this change. Mr. Emerson said that Mr. Dockery also gave a short update on the 69 Highway project and discussed some fence that was taken down that does not need to be replaced. Mr. Emerson stated that he discussed with Mr. Dockery an issue with a water line easement. Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Dockery discussed wind turbine parts being transported down Crawford County highways.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed limited public access to the Courthouse until May 3, 2020 but wanted the public to be aware that the departments are open and operating to assist the public. He explained the drop off box at the north doors of the courthouse and urged the public to call or email with any questions they may have.

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Item Three: Commissioner Johnson stated that he and Mr. Emerson will be having a Zoom meeting today at 12:30 PM with representatives from the City of Pittsburg to discuss the census mailer.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson stated that beginning Monday morning the landfill we be back open to the public for the monthly free dump day and a county employee will be at the landfill to assist with tracking loads and making sure all the guidelines are being followed.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 24, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on closing and vacating an unnamed alley in the Town of Opolis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will allow only limited public access through May 3, 2020. The offices are operating to assist the public by email and telephone.

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 17, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:00 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW 4/17/2020 11:00 AM/amended BKW 4/20/2020 12:30 PM