

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2022, TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 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.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Vice-Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (22-143) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the April 12, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the April 13, 2022 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting, and
3. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 612769 to 612995 dated April 14, 2022 in the total amount of \$394,769.18.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Number, and Description. Row 1: Motion 22, 134, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 8, 2022 minutes. Row 2: Motion 22, 135, To adopt Resolution #2022-004, A Resolution to end the State of Local Disaster Emergency for COVID-19 and rescinds the declaration that was put in place for Crawford County, Kansas on the 16th day of July 2020.

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Motion 22	136	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the 911 Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and 911 Director Tim Mikrut and to reconvene by 10:21 AM
Motion 22	137	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Public Information Officer Samantha Norris and to reconvene by 10:34 AM
Motion 22	138	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 county policies and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:03 AM
Motion 22	139	To approve rescinding the COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy effective today
Motion 22	140	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:36 AM
Motion 22 Special Meeting	141	To recess this open meeting for a period of 15-minute recess to allow County Counselor Jim Emerson time to draft a letter of support to the City of Pittsburg
Motion 22 Special Meeting	142	To approve the letter of support for the City of Pittsburg to apply for RAISE grant funding

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**On motion (22-144)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Maintenance Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:20 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:05 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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### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Randy Chiartano, Asphalt Foreman presented asphalt bids and a contract for asphalt for 2022 between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co., Inc. He explained that the County partners with the City of Pittsburg in bidding for asphalt. He stated that there was only 1 bid received and the bid was from Heckert Construction. Mr. Chiartano explained the type of asphalt that was bid on and other costs involved. There was a discussion on the roads and the type of asphalt that can be used on these roads and also the amount of materials required.

**On motion (22-145)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the bid for asphalt from Heckert Construction Co Inc. and the contract for asphalt for 2022 between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co., Inc. and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented an application for a 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Jimmy Beckley Jr to allow him to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event, ABATE Bike Rally during the dates beginning at 12:01 PM on May 5, 2022 and ending at 12:02 PM on May 8, 2022 at the Legion Stand at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Ms. Lusker stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and no objections were received. Ms. Lusker explained that the Commissioners had previously approved a Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage License for this event for George C Brown Post 26 Girard American Legion and the Legion has surrendered that license to the County Clerk's Office and it has been voided.

**On motion (22-146)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and

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directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

**APPLICANT:** Jimmy Beckley, Jr., 1212 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Pittsburg

**PREMISES:** 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds)

**DATE:** Beginning at 12:01 PM on May 5, 2022 and ending at 12:02 PM on May 9, 2022

**(For consumption on the premises)**

**EVENT:** ABATE Bike Rally

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed ARPA funding and stated that there will be a work session on April 29, 2022 at 9:00 AM with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner to discuss county requests for ARPA funding. Mr. Emerson presented the Commissioners with a list of county requests for their review.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson presented Commissioner Blair with an announcement he received in the mail. Commissioner Blair read the announcement and stated that the Jayhawk Wind Energy Center will host an open house on Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Jayhawk O&M Building at 631 Cavalry Rd, Hepler KS. Mr. Emerson stated that they are requesting an RSVP.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Johnson stated that there is a KCHA District 4 Kansas Commissioners & Road Officials meeting on April 21, 2022 and he plans on attending along with Ben Cannon, District 3 Road Foreman and possibly Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano. Mr. Emerson stated that Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards will also be attending this meeting which will be held in Chanute.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson stated that PSU President Scott would like to attend the Commissioners meeting on May 10, 2022 to discuss his tenure.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair stated that Crawford County Fire District #3 Sheridan Township is planning on doing improvements to their parking area and they are requesting the use of the County's rock agreement to purchase rock. The Commissioners see no issues with this.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Blair requested a copy of the RAISE Infrastructure Grant Application completed by the City of Pittsburg. Mr. Emerson stated that he has a copy a will forward it to the Commissioners.

**Item Eight:** Commissioner Blair discussed the McKay Street road work and detours and would like Sheriff Danny Smith look into this and see the best way to approach this issue.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

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

**On motion (22-147)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:58 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:48 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:58 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: April 22, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with GIS Director Kyle Nelson in reference to redistricting.

**Item Two: April 26, 2022 –** Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting Community Corrections FY2023 Comprehensive Plan and Budget.

**Item Three: April 29, 2022 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner to discuss ARPA funds.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: April 21, 2022 –** KCHA District 4 Kansas Commissioners & Road Officials meeting in Chanute. More than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson stated that President Scott contacted him and stated that he will be attending the May 17, 2022 Commission meeting instead of the May 10, 2022 Commission meeting.

## **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

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**On the motion** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [April 19, 2022](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:01 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**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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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken BKW 4/19/2022 11:01 AM/amended BKW 4/20/2022 4:00 PM