

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Tuesday, April 23, 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 (19-119)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 16, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

Chairman Moody welcomed the students in the audience attending Student Government Day.

### SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 19	115	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 12, 2019 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 589863 to 590139 dated March 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$333,233.62
Motion 19	116	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$6,027.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 19	117	To recess the regular session at 10:50 AM for a period of 1 hour
Motion 19	118	To approve an agreement with Earle's Engineering for engineering services for relocation of Sewer District #3 lines in connection with the KDOT Arma Connection Project

**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:** Ms. Angie Hadley, Program Coordinator for the Restorative Justice Authority and Mr. Rick Pfeiffer, Crawford County Health Department Executive Director presenting FY 2020 Comprehensive and Reinvestment grants. Ms. Hadley stated that RJA provides the juvenile probation and parole services as well as intake and assessment services, immediate intervention programming and juvenile intensive supervised probation services for juvenile offenders and children in need of care. She explained that this grant is due May 1, 2019, it provides the same funding as last year and has been reviewed by County Counselor Jim Emerson. Ms. Hadley explained 2 new parts of the grant and the plans RJA has to meet the grant guidelines. Ms. Hadley explained the success rates and the reasons for termination. She stated that the only youth they supervise are at a risk level of 23 to 34 which means that they are high risk offenders on their assessment scores and because of that successful completions are more difficult. She explained that the definition of success is set by the Kansas Department of Corrections and explained the guidelines set for successful and unsuccessful completions. Mr. Moody thanked Ms. Hadley for doing a great job and stated that the Commissioners appreciate what she does and requested that Ms. Hadley give a short presentation on her job and duties for the benefit of the students in the audience from Student Government Day. Mr. Pfeiffer explained how the structure is set up between the RJA, Mental Health and Health Department. Commissioner Johnson requested that Mr. Pfeiffer explain the administrative structure in reference to the relationship between RJA and Health Department and Mr. Pfeiffer gave a brief explanation to the students and the Commissioners. Ms. Hadley explained the grants and asked for the Commissioner's approval. Mr. Pfeiffer explained why RJA falls under the Health Department.

**On motion (19-120)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the KDOC FY20 Comprehensive Plan Grant and the Reinvestment Renewal Summary Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Pfeiffer informed the Commissioners that tonight he is going to make a presentation for the Medicaid Expansion Committee and explained that he is going to tell the committee that Crawford County has the only Women's Center Renewal House Treatment Facility where women can bring their children short of going to Kansas City,

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Johnson County, Topeka or Wichita and that Crawford County has the only primary addiction treatment facility in the same relationship in regard to primary 30 day care. He also discussed an additional 2 mill request for 2020 to fund substance abuse care.

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIAL

**Item One:** Ms. Debra Anthony, Chairman of Crawford County Wellness Committee addressed the Commissioners and stated that the committee has access to funding for worksite wellness for Crawford County. She explained that Live Well Crawford County received a BC/BS Pathways to Health grant in the amount of \$10,000 and that she is also co-chair of Live Well Crawford County. She stated the process started 3 years ago and the Worksite Wellness Committee went through multiple steps that were needed to access the \$10,000 Worksite Wellness funds. Ms. Anthony said that the committee attended all the free workshops and wrote reports on each. She gave a brief explanation of the workshops and the necessary steps in applying for the funds. She stated that these funds have nothing to do with the employees' health insurance and does not involve any tax dollars but the County might need to be a flow through for the funds. She spoke about the different needs for different departments. She stated that there were requests for water fill stations and explained that the Sheriff's Department, EMS and Judicial Center have buildings that are capable of having the stations installed easily but these stations are not feasible in the courthouse due to the old structure of the building. She stated that portable coolers will be provided for the Road and Bridge employees. She addressed using the spare room on the first floor of the Courthouse which is now vacant for a fitness center. She explained that there will be no structural changes and nothing permanent will be installed. Commissioner Moody stated that he has no issue with the committee using the room but if the room is needed in the future, the fitness equipment will have to be moved. Ms. Anthony stated that a budget needs to be submitted before the grant money is received and the funds must be spent by July 31, 2019. She showed the Commissioners the plans for the room and some pictures of equipment that the committee suggests to be purchased. She showed pictures of a weight machine, cardio machine and massage chair. There was a discussion on the fitness room being used by employees only on breaks, lunch breaks or before or after work and that would be left up to the Commissioners or the department heads. Commissioner Blair suggested using the key card system for entry. The Commissioners have no issue with the fitness equipment being put in the spare office on the first floor of the courthouse.

**Item Two:** Mr. Greg Hite Shop Foreman addressed extended warranties on the 3 Freightliner dump trucks that were purchased in October of 2017. Mr. Hite stated that tomorrow is the last opportunity to purchase the extended warranties. He explained that this is a warranty for an additional 5 years on engine and after treatment. There was a discussion on the current mileage of the trucks.

**On motion (19-121)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the purchase of extended warranties on the 3 Freightliner dump trucks purchased in 2017 from Joplin Freightliner Sales.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that Ms. Wilda Pentola from Celebrate Girard would like to address the Commissioners about additional Christmas decorations for the Courthouse and lawn. He stated that Celebrate Girard will compose a plan to present to the Commissioners.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson addressed a request to purchase some property owned by the county in Franklin. Mr. Emerson presented maps of the location. Commissioner Moody stated that he was approached by Mr. Fred VanBecelaere to purchase lots in Franklin which the county purchased from Mr. VanBecelaere many years ago. Mr. Emerson stated that these lots were originally purchased for \$15,000 for a fire station for Fire District #2 from Mr. VanBecelaere but the fire district decided on a location west of Arma. Mr. Emerson stated that he suggests that if Mr. VanBecelaere is willing to purchase the lots for the same price the county paid for them, the county will sell to him and if he does not agree to that price the county should sell by sealed bid. The Commissioners agreed.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair discussed having a work session on the current nuisance violations to bring the Commissioners up to date and to try to expedite the issues. Mr. Moody stated that the Commissioners felt that codes court would rectify the problem but does not seem to be doing what they expected. Mr. Moody suggested Zoning Administrator Troy Graham give a monthly report on the status of nuisance violations. Mr. Emerson discussed getting authority through the state to clean the property as the cities have. Mr. Moody explained that cities have the authority to clean the property and assess the cost to the tax rolls but counties do not due to current legislation. Mr. Emerson stated that the county needs to work on legislation in the next session on this issue.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Johnson stated that Mr. Fred Fletcher-Fierro from KRPS, PSU radio station has requested a monthly rotating series with the 3 Commissioners. He explained that each month a different Commissioner would discuss current issues which would be prerecorded and broadcast on the first Tuesday morning of the month. Mr. Johnson stated that he informed Mr. Fletcher-Fierro that he would take part and Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Moody also agreed to participate.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson discussed the tour of the SEK Recycling Center. He stated a work session needs to be scheduled to go over the center's budget issues for short term and possibly a long-term solution within the landfill contract. Mr. Johnson stated that he has been looking over the contract and feels there are some openings in the contract for recycling. He said that the work session needs to be soon as the center is in dire need of funds. Mr. Johnson will contract Mr. Jim Triplett and set up a work session.

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**Item Six:** Commissioner Moody stated that he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center quarterly meeting tonight.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that he will be attending a KAC Board Meeting in Topeka on Friday and will not be in attendance at the Commission meeting.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

**On motion (19-122)** of Commissioner Moody 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 Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle and to reconvene by 11:10 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:09 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Ms. Crystal McClelland addressed the Commissioner and stated she was a Pittsburg State University Nursing Student and the Commissioners answered questions she had in reference to their roles as County Commissioners.

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

**Item One: April 26, 2019 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to sign April bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: April 26, 2019 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee.

**Item Three: April 26, 2019 –** Ms. Rebecca Brubaker, Executive Director of Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc., presenting a Shelter Grant.

**Item Four: April 30, 2019 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Vacating a Platted Alley in the Original Town of Chicopee.

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**Item Five: April 30, 2019** – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting Community Corrections FY 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Budget and Behavioral Health Grant Budget.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: 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 23, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:13 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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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

**[Taken BKW 4/23/19 11:13 AM/amended BKW 4/24/19 12:10 PM](#)**