

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, April 23, 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 (21-119) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 20, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. 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 County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 21	114	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the April 16, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	115	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the county vehicles under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Attorney Reina Probert and to reconvene by 10:18 AM
Motion 21	116	To approve the Tax Roll Correction correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by Luigi & Patricia Brichalli and to abate the amount of \$333.84 from the 2018 tax rolls and the amount of \$345.16 from the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign and the Tax Roll Correction correcting an error in the assessing of

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		Personal Property owned by Bob Stahla Mobile Home Service Inc. and to add the amount of \$319.90 to the 2018 tax rolls and the amount of \$332.62 to the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	117	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 contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:48 AM
Motion 21	118	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 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 10:56 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. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and discussed the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 4/22/2021 for the community and the schools K-12. He explained that the isolation quarantine numbers in the schools have increased over the last couple of weeks and the kids are an unvaccinated group and this could attribute to the increase. He stated that the schools are continuing their in-school mitigation plan and this is keeping the quarantine numbers down. Dr. Stebbins explained that 90 16 & 17 year olds were vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine at clinics on Wednesday and Thursday through the Health Department and that the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will be conducting a Pfizer vaccination clinic this Sunday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. He went through the vaccination statistics and explained how the vaccination numbers for 1st doses, 2nd doses and vaccines given are calculated. He also explained the other entities that are tracked by the health department for vaccination numbers. Commissioner Blair addressed mask wearing for the county buildings. Dr. Stebbins discussed this issue and stated that his recommendation for businesses is to have their employees continue wearing masks especially in an indoor setting. He stated that his recommendation for schools is to continue the mitigation in place until the end of the school year. Dr. Stebbins addressed vaccinated persons and quarantining. Commissioner Moody addressed the upcoming school graduations and mask wearing and Dr. Stebbins stated that his recommendation is mask wearing during the events. He stated that he has spoken to the schools' administrators and most of the events will be held outdoors and the schools will not be limiting attendance but will ask that masks be worn on their property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Health Department Executive Director Michael Ehling requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-120) 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

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than 20 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:52 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 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Executive Director Michael Ehling requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-121) of Commissioner Johnson 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 the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:06 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 10:51 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:06 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Devin Gorman, CVB Executive Director addressed the Commissioners in reference to Museum Funding. He presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Crawford County Museum Fund Proposal. He stated that the applications were taken from the museums that apply for funding. He stated that the requirements are laid out in the proposal. Mr. Gorman explained that not all the requirements were met last year due to COVID-19 but this should not hinder the museums' acceptance of receiving funding this year. He stated that the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board met last week and the board recommended funding of all three museums. He discussed the Girard History Museum and the issue of restroom facilities and stated that the contractor has started work on that project. Mr. Gorman stated that the 3 museums receiving funding are the Crawford County Historical Museum, the Miner's Hall Museum and the Girard Historical Museum. Commissioner Blair spoke about the SEK County Officials meeting he attended where it was discussed that tourism would bring people into southeast Kansas. Mr. Gorman discussed different marketing the CBV does and upcoming events.

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On motion (21-122) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2021 Museum Funding as recommended by the Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Three: County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-123) 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 the Commercial Appraiser under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 11:43 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 11:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:43 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle spoke about the SEK County Officials meeting he attended yesterday in Yates Center. He stated that Secretary of State Scott Schwab and the Director of Elections Brian Caskey spoke at the Clerk's Meetings. Mr. Pyle discussed some of the elections bills that have been proposed this session.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the Commissioners. He discussed the 11 mile North Highway 69 expansion that is going on at this time and stated that it is a safety concern and his office has been doing as much proactive traffic enforcement in this construction zone as possible. He explained that he has authorized overtime to allow for his officers to concentrate on enforcement in the area and he has requested funds from KDOT from the Special Traffic Enforcement Program and they authorize \$2,500 to help with the overtime on the project. Sheriff Smith stated that next week is Work Zone Awareness Week and he will be attending a Sheriff's Administration Management Seminar in Topeka. He discussed a program that he and some staff from the Mental

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Health Dept. will discuss about an addiction treatment program that they are using at the Crawford County Jail for their inmates.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson spoke about the child care program that Pastor Talent from the Victory Life Center addressed the Commissioners about. He stated that he spoke to the Family Resource Center about a study to identify child care needs in the county. He said that he would like to have a representative from Family Resource Center give a presentation on the findings of this study. Commissioner Moody suggested that Commissioner Johnson set this up and have Mr. Pyle contact parties that could be interested in this presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that he forwarded the Commissioners the information that Mr. Mac Young will be presenting next Tuesday for their review.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed starting a County Land Bank. Commissioner Blair stated that this was discussed in a session yesterday at the SEK County Officials meeting he attended. Commissioner Blair and Mr. Emerson discussed what would take place in starting a county land bank. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Emerson look into this and report back on Tuesday.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair gave a brief update on the tire disposal program that started this morning in Girard. He discussed landfill options for the tires.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson addressed the American Rescue Plan and Mr. Emerson stated that he not received instructions on this yet. Mr. Emerson discussed this funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Four: County Attorney Reina Probert requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-124) of Commissioner Johnson 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 the county vehicles under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Attorney Reina Probert and to reconvene by 12:10 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:55AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:05 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 27, 2021 – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator presenting the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:06 PM 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW 4/23/2021 12:06 PM/amended BKW 4/26/2021 3:00 PM