

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, April 3 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 (20-156) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 27, 2020** 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.

On motion (20-157) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the **March 27, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-158) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the **March 30, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 20	144	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 24, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	145	To open the public hearing on closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1 st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 20	146	To close the public hearing on closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1 st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 20	147	To adopt Resolution #2020-006, A Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1 st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 20	148	To approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Close and Vacate an Unnamed Alley in the Town of Opolis with a Public Hearing set for April 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Motion 20	149	To approve the proposal from Cook, Flatt and Strobel Engineers, PA for a routine bridge inspection of the 171 Off-System and 69 R.S. System bridges in the amount of \$19,200.00
Motion 20	150	To approve the Crawford County Administrative Leave policy as presented
Motion 20	151	To approve closing the Courthouse to the public until April 6, 2020
Motion 20	152	To recess the meeting for 10 minutes and reconvene by 3:05 PM
Motion 20	153	To recess the meeting for 10 minutes and reconvene by 3:15 PM
Motion 20	154	To recess the meeting for 15 minutes and reconvene by 3:35 PM
Motion 20	155	To approve the Order of the Crawford County Board of Health and Public Health Officer to go into effect March 28, 2020 at 8:00 AM and authorize the Chairman to sign

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 stated that the county is still under the governor's orders. She said that she issued a press release yesterday that Crawford County has its 6th case of the virus. She explained that out of the 6 cases, there was 1 death, 1 individual still in isolation, which is the latest case and 4 individuals have recovered and are out of isolation. She also stated that there are a lot of test results still

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pending. Commissioner Moody asked when to expect the blunt of the cases and Ms. Adamson answered that through guidance from KDHE the peak should be around April 24. Sheriff Smith stated that the businesses are all doing a very good job of following procedures. He discussed getting the urgency out to the public of the seriousness of the situation. Ms. Adamson stated that there is an LEPC meeting on April 9 via phone and the homeless challenges will be discussed. Sheriff Smith stated that the Sheriff's assistance program has assisted quite a few individuals. He discussed the essential and non-essential businesses and the where the decision should lay in deciding essential versus non-essential. Sheriff Smith discussed some of the questions his department has had. He discussed concerns with the stay at home order and domestic violence and mental health issues but said at this time has not seen an upswing of these problems. He stated that his departments have sufficient supplies at this time and has had no issues with this. Ms. Adamson discussed the areas hospitals' working on surge capacity. Mr. Michael Ehling, Mental Health Executive Administrator addressed the Commission and discussed the procedures his offices are taking and discussed Telehealth. He spoke about the Addiction Treatment Center and stated that admissions have been stopped at this time. Mr. Ehling stated that his department is going to do some radio and tv spots to make the public aware that they accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. EMS Director Randy Sandberg reported on his department and stated that the call volume has actually went down during this time. He stated that Mr. Rusty Akins, Emergency Management Director did an excellent job in obtaining the supplies that his department needed. He also discussed the surge plan and stated that he will be meeting with EMS Administrator Dr. Stebbins this afternoon about the surge plan. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Sandberg to return next week to give an update on his meeting with Dr. Stebbins.

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

Item One: Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker presented the March 2020 Clerk's Report. Ms. Wicker stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of March. Ms. Wicker also gave the Commissioners a copy of the February 2020 to March 2020 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison.

On motion (20-159) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the March 2020 Clerk's Report as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an Agreement between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co, Inc. for asphalt for 2020. Mr. Emerson stated that this program allows the county to bid out asphalt partnering with the City of Pittsburg to get a better price. He discussed the agreement with the Commissioners.

On motion (20-160) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Agreement between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer's Office and Heckert Construction Co, Inc. for Asphalt for 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson discussed public access to the courthouse and stated that he would suggest closing the courthouse to the public for an additional 2 weeks through Sunday, April 19, 2020.

On motion (20-161) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve closing the courthouse to the public through April 19, 2020.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson discussed the COVID-19 fund and Ms. Adamson stated that it is going well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson discussed payment to Earle's Engineering & Inspections, Inc. on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Emerson stated that there was an original contract and a second contract which allowed Earle's to bid out the project. Mr. Emerson stated that the original contract has been completed and the price was \$36,000. He explained that the county has paid the company \$28,800 which leaves a balance on the original contract of \$7,200.00 which he recommends that the county pay. Mr. Blair stated that he would like a set of new drawings as constructed for the changes that took place and some additional documents signed by Mr. Wicker of Heck & Wicker. Mr. Johnson discussed the contract prices. Mr. Emerson will return with additional information.

Item Two: Mr. Johnson addressed Mr. Ehling and asked about the new addiction treatment center and Mr. Ehling stated that it has been paused at this time due to the circumstances.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-162) 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 30 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson via telephone call and to reconvene by 11:30 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 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-163) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss wind farm agreements and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:35 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 11:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will be closed to the public through April 19, 2020.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [April 3, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:40 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 4/03/2020 11:40 AM/amended BKW 4/6/2020 1:45 PM](#)