

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, April 9, 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 (21-103) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the April 6, 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	100	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 30, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	101	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Sign Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Dale Shireman, Sign Department Director and to reconvene by 11:15 AM.
Motion 21	102	To approve the minimum bids for the properties to be sold at the Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale at 1:00 PM at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium on April 7, 2021.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

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Item One: Crawford County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. The Commissioners were presented with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Thursday, April 8, 2021. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins went through the Community Gating Criteria. He also went through the School Gating Criteria K-12. He also addressed the vaccination statistics. Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam spoke about the vaccination clinics that were held on Monday and the clinics that will be held the rest of the week. She explained that they did not order any vaccine doses for next week but are still requesting the Pfizer vaccine to be able to vaccinate individuals 16 thru 18. Dr. Stebbins discussed the vaccines and the different types. He stated that he asked the school administrators to poll the students in their schools in the 18 and over age group and the 16 and 17 age group for the interest in the vaccine. Mr. Ehling discussed working with PIO Ms. Samantha Garrett in getting the information on where the vaccines are available on social media and Mr. Ehling also stated that he received information from KDHE on a statewide campaign encouraging vaccinating and he has forwarded that information to Ms. Garrett to get that information to the public. Dr. Stebbins stated that the Crawford County Recovery Task Force along with the Public Information Officers from PSU, City of Pittsburg and Crawford County are working on a local campaign to directly speak to a certain age group on the hesitancy of receiving the vaccine. Ms. Van Kam stated that she attended the meeting with the Crawford County Recovery Task Force and they discussed having prior COVID-19 patients that were hit hard by the virus make a testimonial for the public to view to work on the hesitancy of the vaccine. Commissioner Johnson spoke about a survey done a few months ago by the Kansas Health Institute to all Kansans on the reasons for hesitancy in receiving the vaccine and discussed the outcome of the survey. Commissioner Johnson discussed having no mask mandate in effect and promoting the businesses with mitigation procedures in place.

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

Item One: Ms. Johanna O'Brien, Girard City Administrator, addressed the Commissioners. She stated that the City of Girard is applying for a KDOT Cost-Share Grant for a project on Sinnet Street north of 47 Highway around SEK-CAP. She presented the Commissioners with a map of the area and a Co-Sponsor Cost Share for the City of Girard and Crawford County. Girard Public Works Director Steve Brooks stated that he spoke with County Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano about the project. Ms. O'Brien discussed the estimates on the Co-Sponsor Cost Share. She stated that engineering costs are not covered by grant awards. Mr. Emerson stated that this is a great project and Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Brooks answered all the questions he had.

On motion (21-104) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the proposal on the KDOT Co-Sponsor Cost Share Grant with the City of Girard.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Pastor Talent of the Victory Life Church addressed the Commissioners about child care in the county. He stated that his church has a massive facility and is in the process of renovating part of the building for the purpose of child care but are lacking funds. He explained that they have raised over \$40,000 towards the project but the first toddler room that they are starting on will exceed those funds and they are needing additional funds. He stated that he is here today to see if there would be funds available in the Rescue Plan. Commissioner Johnson stated that the County is waiting on information from the Treasury Department on how these funds can be used. Pastor Talent explained what renovations are taking place at his facility. He discussed the massive need for child care in Crawford County.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,099.00. He stated that this is for the month of March 2021. Mr. Emerson stated that Crawford County is the pass through for these funds.

On motion (21-105) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$3,099.00 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 Two: Commissioner Blair stated that there will be a work session with Shop Foreman Josh Peak on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM to discuss dump trucks. Mr. Emerson stated that there will be a work session at 9:30 AM on Tuesday with 911 Director Tim Mikrut.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody wanted to thank Community Health of Southeast Kansas for the tour and he enjoyed visiting with everyone and he wanted them to know how grateful the County is to have them.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the March 2021 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of March. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the February 2021 to March 2021 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for

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comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures. Commissioner Johnson asked about the length of the agreement on the Plaster Center and Mr. Emerson will get the information and present it on Tuesday.

On motion (21-106) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the March 2021 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.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented the Crawford County CDGB-CV Grants Program Parameters and stated that IT Specialist Gus Brunetti is taking this program on and doing a great job. Mr. Emerson stated that the only thing that has changed is the maximum grant amount and it has been increased to \$30,000. Commissioner Johnson stated that in the beginning there were only 10 applicants and almost all were disqualified for various reasons. Mr. Emerson stated that this is a very hard grant to qualify for and these are state regulations and it is not the county that disqualifies the applicants. He stated that the funds have to be spent by the end of June.

On motion (21-107) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the new Crawford County CDBG-CV Grants Program Parameters.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson discussed the tax sale that was held on Wednesday and stated that it went well and the Memorial Auditorium was a good location. He stated that all of the properties sold and went for a good price except for one property in Arma and several in Pittsburg that had higher starting bids and those properties will go back to those cities. He explained that there are some close out documents that need to be prepared for court and then the deeds will be prepared and they will close out this sale within 30 days. The Commissioners were answered that the next sale will hopefully take place around the end of the summer and Mr. Emerson explained briefly what takes place before the sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (21-108) 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship to discuss a nuisance violation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson 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 11:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:29 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 13, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Shop Foreman Josh Peak to discuss county dump trucks.

Item Two: April 13, 2021 – 9:30 AM Work Session with County 911 Director, Tim Mikrut to discuss 911 issues.

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 9, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:31 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW/amended BKW 1/12/2021 2:30 PM