

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **SIXTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, August 11, 2020 immediately following canvass.**

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.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-322) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 7, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

(MOTIONS 20-319, 20-320, 20-321 AND 20-327 WERE USED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS)

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 20	312	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 31, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	313	To approve the Crawford County Health Department Order 20-01 Order for Testing for incoming students to residence halls at Pittsburg State University
Motion 20	314	To approve the Supplemental Grant Program under the SPARK umbrella for home-based business with less than 3 employees
Motion 20	315	To open the Public Hearing on vacating a platted street in Katie Add to Dunkirk
Motion 20	316	To close the Public Hearing on vacating a platted street in Katie Add to Dunkirk

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Motion 20	317	To adopt Resolution #2020-012, A Resolution Vacating a portion of platted 6 th Street in the Katie Add to Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 20	318	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss computer security under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, IT Director Mr. Jim Vinze and IT Specialist Mr. Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:10 AM

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins and Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. Dr. Stebbins stated that Crawford County has had 401 positive cases and that is a 5-case increase from Friday and the status at Via Christi Hospital is 2 positive cases and 2 persons of interest and Girard Medical Center has neither. He explained that there are currently 13 individuals in isolation and 55 in quarantine. He stated that there have been no challenges with managing contact tracing, managing positive cases or managing the medical impact of the community. He reported on health and sanitation and mitigation inspections that the County Health Officials have been doing in the local schools before the school openings and stated that the schools have been very receptive to the inspections and mitigation strategies. He stated that Pittsburg State University was very appreciative of the mandatory order for testing of incoming students to residence halls that the Commissioners approved and reported on the number of tests that have been done. Dr. Bean handed out Indicators for Models of Learning and discussed and explained the Gating Criteria and Responses. She also discussed the level of community impact and level of school impact. Dr. Stebbins addressed the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-59 requiring COVID-19 mitigation procedures in K-12 schools. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that as of last Friday the Commissioners accepted the guidance and recommendations going to the schools and felt that the final decision on reopening should be left up to each school administration and the school districts can decide whether or not to make changes to the Governor’s order. Dr. Stebbins stated that he is agreeable with that decision and wanted to make sure that there is a clear understanding that the schools should utilize the recommendations as recommendations from them as county health officers. Dr. Bean stated that she does not feel that the Commissioners would be overturning the Governor’s order but there are some acceptable alternatives and the health officers are trying to come up with workable solutions. Dr. Stebbins discussed the items in the Governor’s order that he feels is unworkable. Commissioner Moody thanked the County Health Officers for their hard work and guidance.

On motion (20-323) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Indicators for Models of Learning as presented by the County Health Officers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from SEK Regional Education Service Center at Greenbush addressed the Commissioners in reference to the SPARK funding. Mr. Bodensteiner commended and thanked the Commissioners for their involvement in and positive planning for the Spark Funding and he hopes that all the applicants realize that all the decisions made by the Commissioners are for the greater good and public health of Crawford County. He discussed what took place in the work session yesterday morning and stated that they have a good recommendation that will satisfy everything that the Commissioners want to achieve. He discussed the reasons for the recommendations and stated that this funding at the end, is the county responsibility. Commissioner Blair discussed the audit situation and Mr. Bodensteiner answered his questions. Mr. Bodensteiner handed out the summary of what was approved in the work session which includes the recommendations and briefly explained the summary. He discussed the small business and not for profit grant program and the home-based small businesses with less than 3 employees' program. Commissioner Johnson discussed the communications and broadband applications. Mr. Bodensteiner discussed the applications and stated that one particular application should be well positioned for Round 2 of SPARK funding. He stated that the same standard has to apply to everyone. He explained the next steps in the grant process and stated the first reconciliation will take place on September 15, 2020 and in December everything should be zeroed out. Ms. Adamson discussed round 2 funding for public health. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that there are Webinars tomorrow and Friday on the SPARK funding and he believes they will be discussing both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

On motion (20-324) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the SPARK Reimbursement Applications and the Direct Funding Applications and the Small Business/Not for Profit Grant Program allocations as presented by Mike Bodensteiner, Director of the SEK Regional Education Service Center at Greenbush.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: County Health Director Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners. She stated that the epi nurses have been hired, the nurse practitioner has been hired and the PIO that was selected will work out of the Health Department.

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NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson addressed the 2021 County Budget and the Commissioners scheduled a work session on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Pyle discussed the deadline to publish and hold a hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 (20-325) 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss landfill negotiations and windfarms and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:25 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 10:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:18 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-326) 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 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss budget requests 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 11:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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Item One: August 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss the 2021 County Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse in Girard is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until further notice. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but residents may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center for motor vehicle and tax payments to be processed at the courthouse.

The Commissioners resumed the meeting of the Board of County Canvassers.

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 [August 11, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:35 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 8/11/2020 11:35 AM/amended BKW 8/13/2020 1:00 PM](#)