

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, **FIFTY-EIGHTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, August 17, 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 (21-255)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 10, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 607788 to 607983 dated August 13, 2021 in the total amount of \$329,643.12.

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	248	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 6, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	249	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Convention and Visitors Bureau under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President Mr. Blake Benson and to reconvene by 10:19 AM
Motion 21	250	To open the public hearing on the close out of the CDBG-CV 20-CV-014 Grant funding

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Motion 21	251	To close the public hearing on the close out of the CDBG-CV 20-CV-014 Grant funding
Motion 21	252	To approve the CDBG-CV 20-CV-014 Grant Close-Out Transmittal Form as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	253	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:43 AM
Motion 21	254	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:00 AM

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. County Health Director Ms. Teddi Van Kam addressed the Commissioners. She presented the Commissioners with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 8/4/2021. She went through the Community Gating Criteria. She addressed the positive cases, persons in quarantine and persons in isolation. She explained the deaths for Crawford County have increased and is now at 96 deaths in the county. She also stated that 3 long term care facilities have positive cases and most of those cases are staff. Ms. Van Kam stated that the Hospital Capacity went from orange to red this week and explained the reasons for the change in category. She said that the hospitals are still giving the monoclonal antibody infusions. She addressed the positive cases in children and stated that from July 4, 2021 there have been 186 children diagnosed with COVID-19. She explained that children have been diagnosed positive from 4 weeks of age and up and 2 children have been critically ill. Ms. Van Kam addressed the school criteria and stated that schools have just started the new sessions. She stated that over the last couple of weeks she and Dr. Stebbins have met with the school boards, administration and staff and have given presentations and answered questions. She said that they have also been doing school inspections. She said they are still working on the schools having in house contact tracers. She addressed vaccines and stated that the doses have went up from last week. The Commissioners and Ms. Van Kam spoke about the COVID-19 updates and the Commissioners left the decision up to Ms. Van Kam on whether should would like to report on Tuesday or Friday and she will contact County Clerk Don Pyle when she would like to be on the agenda. There was a discussion on Pittsburg State University classes starting and what precautions are being taken on campus. There was also a discussion on documented and undocumented positive cases and stated that antibody tests are not considered a documented case locally or by KDHE. Commissioner Johnson was answered that all COVID-19 testing and vaccines are done free of charge at the Health Department.

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Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Pandemic Impact Survey and stated that it has been sent to all elected officials and department heads and stated that after speaking with County Counselor Jim Emerson there have been quite a few returned.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**On motion (21-256)** 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 the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:38 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 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:38 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Emergency Management Director Mr. Rusty Akins requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-257)** 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 Emergency Management Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Rusty Akins and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:40 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** County Appraiser Zac Edwards requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-258)** 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 Appraiser's Office under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Zac Edwards and to reconvene by 11:05 AM.

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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 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson stated that he has a request for a work session on August 24, 2021 at 9:30 AM with 911 Director Tim Mikrut and Sheriff Danny Smith. The Commissioners agreed to the work session.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that the Pandemic Impact Survey that was sent to county employees is going well and the deadline to return the surveys is August 25, 2021.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair stated that he will notify the road foremen to make sure the crews complete the survey.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that he emailed out the ARPA surveys to all the City Clerk's and also made them available in the County Clerk's office. PIO Samantha Garrett stated she has also made the surveys available to other entities in the County. The Commissioners discussed setting a deadline for the surveys to be returned.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated that there will be work done on the gazebo in the Courtyard later this week.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody stated that would like to have an update from Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano on the status of the road work.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

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

**On motion (21-259)** 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 items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the Pandemic and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:16 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 11:06 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:16 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: August 24, 2021 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut and Sheriff Danny Smith.

**Item Two: August 24, 2021 – 10:00 AM** Public Hearing on Crawford County 2022 Budget and the Crawford County Fire Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 2022 Budgets.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [August 17, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:18 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.**

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**Don Pyle**

County Clerk

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

Taken by BKW 8/17/2021 11:18 AM/amended BKW 8/18/2021 4:20 PM