

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [SIXTY-FIFTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, August 21, 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.

County Clerk Don Pyle 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 (20-343) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 18, 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.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 20	335	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 14, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	336	To approve increasing Deputy Coroner and Death Investigator Kenny Yoakum's pay from \$100 per call to \$125 per call
Motion 20	337	To approve the Publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for Fire District Number 1, Fire District Number 2, Fire District Number 3 and Fire District Number 4 with a hearing set for September 1, 2020, at 10:00 AM
Motion 20	338	To appoint Heather Spaur, Angela Meyer and Kim Vogel to the CDBG-CV Advisory Committee for Crawford County
Motion 20	339	To appoint Commissioner Jeremy Johnson to the CDBG-CV Advisory Committee for Crawford County

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Motion 20	340	To accept the bid from Advance Roofing Technologies for Roof Maintenance Work at the Crawford County Jail
Motion 20	341	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the Public Information Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett and to reconvene by 11:46 AM
Motion 20	342	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 landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:12 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-344) 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 15 minutes to discuss Health Department Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean, Health Department Executive Director Michael Ehling and Health Department Director Rebecca Adamson and to reconvene by 10:25 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 10:10 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:25 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners and stated that he was asked to present the Spirit of Pittsburg Awards at the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce banquet last night and he is proud to announce that these awards went to our 3 public Health Officers, County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean and Health Department Director Rebecca Adamson. He also wanted to acknowledge and thank the Commissioners for their hard work during this pandemic.

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Dr. Stebbins stated that none of the officials knew they were receiving this award and they all are very appreciative and honored to receive it and feels they are awards for the entire community. He gave the Commissioners a COVID-19 update. He stated that as of Wednesday there have been 423 total positive cases in Crawford County and that Via Christi has 2 persons under investigation and 2 positive cases and Girard Medical Center has no positives and 1 PUI. He discussed the statistics of positive cases, isolations and quarantines in the community. He also discussed the positive relationship between the Health Officials and PSU along with the positive relationships with the other entities in the county and the community and local businesses. Dr. Stebbins commended Ms. Adamson on the incredible work she has done setting up the communication flow between the Health Department, the schools and other entities. Commissioner Johnson asked about reporting information to the public and Dr. Stebbins discussed the information that will be reported and the format that will be used. He also discussed testing and positivity rates. Ms. Adamson stated that she has discussed with Crawford County Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett the information that will be reported on social media. She said she would like testing sites listed on the County website. Dr. Stebbins addressed outbreaks in surrounding counties that could affect our county.

Ms. Garrett addressed the Commissioners and gave an update on what she has done in her position as PIO. Ms. Adamson spoke about the new Nurse Practitioner and the services that will be available through her to Crawford County Employees, spouses and children under age 26. Ms. Garrett stated that she will be meeting with the City of Pittsburg PIO Ms. Sarah Runyon. The Commissioners discussed having the Health Officials report to them once a week on Fridays.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed a fence viewing south of 650th Ave located between an 80 acre tract owned by Michael Bulot on the north and a 160 acre tract owned by Gary Lee & Esther Robison on the south. Mr. Emerson explained that there was a fence viewing done at this location several years ago. The Commissioners set the fence viewing for 1:00 PM on September 18, 2020 and Mr. Emerson will get the notices ready.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson addressed some business grant opportunities available and encouraged the public to look at the county website at crawfordcountykansas.org to see what is available. He stated that the SPARK funding and the CDBG CV are both on the website and have money available for businesses. He also addressed an economic development grant that is available. He stated that there will be a meeting with individuals from Greenbush on Monday to work on issues about how payments will be made and to make sure everyone gets paid out when the time comes.

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Item Three: Commissioner Moody congratulated Mr. Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President on the excellent job he did on the banquet that was held last night.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Commissioner Blair presented a list of 7 items compiled by Shop Foreman Josh Peak that can be sold on Purple Wave from the Road & Bridge Department. He went through the list and the Commissioners discussed the items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (20-345) 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 landfill negotiations 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.

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

On motion (20-346) 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 employee compensation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:42 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 11:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:42 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 28, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Crawford County 2021 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.

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 21, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:45 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 DPP 8/18/2020 11:45 AM/amended BKW 11/24/2020 3:00 PM](#)