

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SIXTY FIRST MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, [Friday, August 27, 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 (21-272) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [August 24, 2021](#) 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.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 21	268	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the August 20, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	269	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Health Department personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. Tim Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:48 AM.
Motion 21	270	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss Ambulance Department personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. Tim Stebbins, EMS Administrator, and Mr. Randy Sandberg, EMS Director, and to reconvene by 11:14 AM.

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Motion 21	271	To authorize the republication of the Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and Budget Hearing for Crawford County and for Fire District No. 1,2,3 & 4 with a hearing date of September 10, 2021, at 10:00 AM.
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Crawford County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. Ms. Teddi VanKam, Public Health Director, updated some of the numbers of people in the county that are in isolation due to a COVID infection and the numbers of people in quarantine. She discussed that the numbers reflect the higher number of transmissions of the new variants that are infecting more individuals in our area.

Mr. Michael Ehling, Public Health Administrator, presented the commissioners with copies of a letter from a large number of physicians and other health care workers and providers in Southeast Kansas. The letter asked the public to help the health care community to slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and by continuing to social distance, wash hands and use face masks when needed. The letter had appeared in several area newspapers and is being posted on social media and websites. Mr. Ehling discussed that this was supported by an overwhelming number of health care workers and providers in the area in addition to the public health officers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair wanted to present some preliminary estimates on the construction of a salt storage shed. Mr. Blair felt that he should wait to be sure that the numbers have not changed since there was some miscommunication on the location.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody asked if there were any developments on a property the county is wanting to purchase in the Chicopee area. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the preparations are nearly complete.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody wondered if the county should look at purchasing an ad to put the letter from SEK health care workers and providers in the local newspapers.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated the he and Ms. Bonnie Houk with Greenbush are working to enter the needed information into the portal to complete the first required report on the American Recovery Plan Act funds. Mr. Emerson stated that

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Greenbush is still gathering data from the surveys and they will return to update the commissioners in a couple of weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 31, 2021 – 10:00 AM Mac Young with Community Corrections presenting FY2022 Carryover Reimbursement Budget

Item One: September 3, 2021 – 9:30 AM Work Session with the Road & Bridge Foremen to discuss roads and planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: August 28, 2021, 11:00 AM – VIP Lunch hosted by Dairy Queen, Pittsburg, all 3 commissioners may be in attendance.

Item Two: September 6, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

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 27, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:16 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 DPP 8/27/2021, Amended by DPP 8/30/2021 at 3:55 PM