

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, **FIFTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Tuesday, August 6, 2019 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was in attendance.

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

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (19-233) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 2, 2019** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 19	230	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 30, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	231	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:24 AM
Motion 19	232	To approve the July 2019 Clerk's Report as presented

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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Item One: Ms. Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer and Mr. Rick Pfeiffer addressing a KDHE warning on West Nile Virus risks. Ms. Adamson presented some information on the West Nile Virus and stated that right now our area is at a high-risk level for West Nile Virus. She explained that this is not uncommon during this time of the year and that our area has been at high risk in past years and there is a more increased awareness this year due to the flooding and rains. Ms. Adamson said that there are two types of mosquitoes and both are in Southeast Kansas and have tested positive for the West Nile Virus by KDHE. She said that there is no treatment for the West Nile Virus, therefore prevention is the focus. Commissioner Moody was answered that there have not been any reported cases of West Nile Virus in Crawford County or in Kansas. Ms. Adamson discussed ways to prevent bites including using bug spray with Deet, wearing proper clothing, staying inside at dawn and dusk as these are the times mosquitoes are out and to use air conditioning. She explained that mosquitoes breed in standing water and she discussed ways to reduce water for breeding. She also discussed the use of larvicides and fogging. Ms. Adamson stated that some cases of West Nile Virus can be mild with flu like symptoms and other cases can be very severe especially in people with immune deficiencies, for the elderly and in small children. Commissioner Moody stated that it is important to keep the public informed and make them aware of preventive measures.

Mr. Bill Towery, County Sanitarian, discussed different ways to prevent mosquito bites and discouraged the use of bug zappers that only kill the males as only the females bite. He suggested using fans while sitting outdoors. He also stated that mosquitos can breed in roof guttering and to keep guttering cleaned out. Mr. Towery stated that he is looking into another grant for a tire pickup program through the State of Kansas.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Adamson and Mr. Towery for their presentations and information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Mr. Rick Pfeiffer requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (19-234) 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 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mental Health Governing Board Chairman Ron Womble and Mental Health Executive Director Rick Pfeiffer and to reconvene by 10:38 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:23 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

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PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle handed out copies of the Fire Districts' 2020 proposed budgets. He stated that he has been in contact with the fire chiefs of each district and the levies for each district are staying at the same level as the 2019 levies. Mr. Pyle explained what areas of the county are included in each fire district.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed the budget hearing for the 2020 Crawford County budget. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that County Treasurer Joe Grisolano reviewed the budget and did not see anything that needs to be changed. Commissioner Moody feels after much scrutiny he is happy with the budget and the mill levy has lowered.

On motion (19-235) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Crawford County 2020 Budget for publication with a hearing date set for August 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

On motion (19-236) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Crawford County Fire District #1, Fire District #2, Fire District #3 and Fire District #4 2020 Budgets for publication with a hearing date set for August 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioner thanked Mr. Pyle and Mr. Emerson for their help in finalizing the budget.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson addressed the landfill and Mr. Emerson stated he has not heard anything from their attorneys, but will check on the issue. The Commissioners discussed the landfill contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: 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 (19-237) 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client

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Relationship and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:13 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:58 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Mr. Pyle said that Ms. Cherie Schenker, Osage Township Trustee, would like to schedule a work session with the Commissioners in reference to a new fire station for the McCune/Osage Fire Department. He stated that Ms. Schenker requested to have the work session on Friday, August 9, 2019 and the Commissioners agreed to that date.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: August 9, 2019 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Osage Township Trustee Cherie Schenker in reference to a new fire station for the McCune/Osage Fire Department.

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 [August 6, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:20 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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 BKW 8/06/19 11:20 AM/amended BKW 8/8/19 10:30 AM](#)