

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [FIFTY-SIXTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, August 6, 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.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance. Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance via Zoom.

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 (21-244)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **August 3, 2021** 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:

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| Motion 21 | 240 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 30, 2021 minutes   |
| Motion 21 | 241 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the CVB Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and CVB Director Mr. Devin Gorman and to reconvene by 10:20 AM |
| Motion 21 | 242 | To approve the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant award in the amount of \$21,568.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign   |

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| Motion 21 | 243 | To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss EMS Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Mr. Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:36 AM |
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### **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. The Commissioners were provided with the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Thursday, August 5, 2021. Dr. Tim Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and went through the Community gating criteria. He spoke about hospital capacity and stated that this week the category was changed from red to orange and explained the reasons for the change. County Health Director Ms. Teddi Van Kam discussed vaccinations. She stated in the last week a little over 1,000 vaccines have been given in all the entities in the county. She said that the Health Department has been at the Crawford County Fair giving vaccinations. Ms. Van Kam stated that the Health Department has been requested to have a clinic at the Little Balkan's Days and also the Art Walk. Commissioner Moody asked about vaccinations for the 18- to 12-year-old group and Dr. Stebbins stated that a report will be prepared and presented next week with those numbers. He said that they will be speaking to the local school boards over the next couple of weeks. He discussed the recommendations for the schools including Pittsburg State University. Dr. Stebbins said that approximately 1/3 of the students returning to campus housing have been vaccinated and the students still have a week to report their vaccination status. He spoke about the school inspections. He stated that there is a strong relationship between the county leadership, the county health officials, the health entities and the school officials which helped significantly in getting through this. He discussed the case numbers and explained the dip and spike in cases. Commissioner Moody asked about a booster vaccine at 6 months and Dr. Stebbins stated that at this time the data shows that a booster is not needed after vaccination but this situation could change. He discussed documented previous infections, undocumented previous infections and antibody testing and the guidelines they follow for quarantines. Dr. Stebbins and Ms. Van Kam discussed the many different variants of the virus. Commissioner Johnson asked about testing availability and Dr. Stebbins and Ms. Van Kam stated that there are many different entities in the county that are doing testing. She spoke about a grant being written right now on extended testing and vaccinations specifically to hit the underserved and minority populations. The Health Officials discussed the Delta variant. Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling stated that the Health Department has added 2 new contact tracers and another nurse position. He also stated that USD 250 is interested in having a contact tracer in the school system and they will be visiting with all the schools about this issue.

Dr. Stebbins thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the EMS department. He also discussed the mental health issues facing the medical staff and teams in Crawford County.

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Mr. Ehling discussed the attitude from the public to staff at the Health Department in COVID-19 situations. He spoke about the employees leaving the facility for an hour during their lunch break to disengage and take a breather. He stated that the staff is just trying to do their job and requested the public to be kind to the employees.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-245)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair 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 Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Tim Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:00 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 10:50 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**

**Item One:** Mr. Ehling addressed the pandemic impact survey to be distributed to all county employees. He discussed the questions on the survey. The Commissioners discussed the survey and Commissioner Blair stated that he wanted the survey to be completely anonymous. There was a discussion on how to keep the survey anonymous and County Counselor Jim Emerson stated the surveys can be returned to him and he will make sure it stays confidential. Mr. Ehling will speak with Director of Fiscal Services Ms. Randi Ryan and provide her with the survey so she can email it out to all county employees.

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Item One:** County Treasurer Joe Grisolano addressed the Commissioners and stated that the Motor Vehicle Satellite Office at the Pittsburg Judicial Center is now back in operation. He stated that thanks to the Commissioners and their leadership the office is now in a very nice larger space and thanked the maintenance department for their hard work in getting the new office ready for opening. Mr. Grisolano stated that due to COVID-19 restrictions in the Judicial Center the operating hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday and masks requirements are in place. He stated the satellite office is a great asset to the public.

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

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## NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the July 2021 Clerk's Report. Mr. Pyle stated that this report summarizes the total amounts spent by departments for payroll and bills during the month of July. Mr. Pyle also gave the Commissioners a copy of the June 2021 to July 2021 Clerk's Report of Changes in Expenditures for comparison. Mr. Pyle reviewed the changes with the Commissioners and discussed some of the reasons for the changes in expenditures.

**On motion (21-246)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the July 2021 Clerk's Report as presented.

**On a Roll Call Vote.**

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-247)** 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 personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Specialist Gus Brunetti and to reconvene by 11:37 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 11:22 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:36 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

## NEW BUSINESS continued

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson handed out a Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category for the Recovery Plan for the Commissioners' review. He stated that this information will be discussed at the work session on Tuesday morning.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Commissioner Moody stated that there was a theft at the District Two Road Crew Building. He said that the fence was cut and several catalytic converters were stolen. He explained that there were cameras in place but the parties had masks on.

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Commissioner Blair discussed having the shop foreman engrave the serial numbers and paint the catalytic converters so the parts would be harder to sell. He stated that he will speak to Shop Foreman Josh Peak about this issue.

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: August 10, 2021 – 8:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner and Greenbush regarding American Rescue Plan funding.

#### 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 6, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:40 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.**

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