

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, [NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, December 22, 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 (20-517) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **December 18, 2020** 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 20	513	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the December 15, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	514	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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Mr. Michael Ehling and Ms. Janis Goedeke and to reconvene by 11:20 AM
Motion 20	515	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 COVID enforcement and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Attorney Reina Probert and County Sheriff Danny Smith and to reconvene by 11:31 AM

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Motion 20	516	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:36 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: Dr. Tim Stebbins, County Health Officer addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. He informed the Commissioners of the positive cases & isolation numbers from last week and the positive cases & isolation numbers so far this week. He also reported on K-12 numbers. He stated that he is concerned due to holiday travel. He stated that the hospitals are doing okay with capacity but are still short on ICU space. Dr. Stebbins said that the hospitals are continuing to vaccinate. He discussed vaccinations and Monoclonal Antibody therapy. He addressed engaging the cities with respect to city ordinances and mask wearing and asked for the Commissioners' help with this issue. He explained that the Health Officials are available to help any business with their mitigation plan. He stated that they are working with PSU on their mitigation plan for the national junior college track event so this event can occur. Commissioner Johnson asked about flu numbers and Dr. Stebbins answered that the mitigation plans for COVID-19 are also very effective for the flu. He explained that the flu numbers are not very high yet but we are just coming into flu season and after the holidays that might pick up and we might see an increase.

Ms. Janis Goedeke, Health Department Director addressed the Commissioners. She gave an update on the numbers for the Well Health screenings. Dr. Stebbins stated that he wants to clarify that Well Health and Community Health are separate organizations and explained the difference in the testing and the outcomes. Ms. Goedeke stated that the Health Department received 9,000 phone calls in a two-week period. She discussed the COVID-19 vaccines and the challenges with the vaccine and stated that they are working on vaccinating local health care workers and EMS employees. She stated that there is supposed to be another vaccine shipment in next week. She explained that the Health Department received 300 doses in the last shipment but they are a hub and those doses are to be shared with a couple of local counties. She stated that those counties are not yet enrolled as providers so she is holding the vaccinations until the counties are ready and it can be held indefinitely as the vaccinations are stored in a freezer.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Shawn Naccarato, from PSU and Mr. Jay Byers from the City of Pittsburg addressed the Commissioners representing the Crawford County Recovery Task Force. Mr. Naccarato stated that they would like to give the Commissioners an update on the work the task force has been doing. He stated that they would also like to offer their strong support of the work that Dr. Stebbins and Dr. Bean have been doing and the courageous leadership the Commissioners have shown during this pandemic and how proud they are of Crawford County. He stated that PSU and the task force are in strong

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support of the enforcement measures that are occurring and recognize the need for it to occur. Mr. Naccarato stated that 75 businesses have pledged under Crawford County United which is a great communication tool. He spoke about the SPARK Funding and the public relations and communications that have occurred. Mr. Byers spoke about the SPARK funding and stated that it has been a very successful distribution particularly to the businesses in the county that were hard hit. He explained that USD 250 successfully applied for a \$1,000,000 grant and the City of Pittsburg partnered with the school district on this grant to do a pilot program to provide broadband to students in that district that cannot afford it for remote learning. He explained what the grant consists of and how it will work. Commissioner Moody asked Mr. Byers about how receptive the City of Pittsburg would be with the ordinance on mask wearing and Mr. Byers stated that it will be addressed. Mr. Naccarato spoke about the task force and working together with the different entities.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Bill Brady, Capitol Consulting, addressed the Commissioners via Zoom. He discussed the upcoming 2021 Legislative Session. He stated that the upcoming session is scheduled to start January 11, 2021 as it constitutionally must start the second Monday of January when everybody is sworn in. He explained that legislative leadership is working to figure out how to have sessions safely this year. He spoke about the local legislative delegation and leadership races. He stated that only 7 bills were passed in the 2020 legislative session. He discussed new legislation and the makeup of the new legislature. Mr. Brady addressed the state budget and that the initial issue for the new session is an emergency declaration. He explained how the legislature works.

Mr. Emerson presented a contract between Capitol Strategies, LLC and Crawford County.

On motion (20-518) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Contract between Capitol Strategies, LLC and Crawford County to provide monitoring and reporting representation to Crawford County through the 2021 Legislative Session and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES *continued*

Item Two: Mr. Devin Gorman, CVB Director addressing Museum Funding and CVB Budget. Mr. Gorman stated that he spoke with the museums and he explained that although no one is excited about losing funding, the museums stated that the funding cut proposed by the CVB will not have a big impact on their organizations and they will still be able to continue with their operations and they understand the CVB's situation.

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Commissioner Moody stated that he spoke to a couple of the museums and as Mr. Gorman stated, they are not happy with losing the funding and he would like to see the CVB stay with the full funding. Mr. Gorman explained how the museums apply for the museum funds. Commissioner Blair stated that he feels that the loss of funding will be a hit for the museums and Mr. Emerson stated that he received a call from one of the museum directors that stated they have had a rough year all around. Commissioner Moody again stated that he would like to see you funding stay unchanged. Mr. Gorman stated that they will change the budget to reflect the original \$30,000 for the Crawford County Museum Fund. He explained how the budget is calculated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (20-519) 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 the CVB under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and CVB Director Devin Gorman and to reconvene by 11:15 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 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:15 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

Item One: Public Hearing on the 2020 Crawford County Amended Budget and the 2020 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #3.

On motion (20-520) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to open the Public Hearing on the 2020 Crawford County Amended Budget and the 2020 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #3.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

There was no public comment. County Clerk Don Pyle presented the Commissioners with copies of the amended budgets.

On motion (20-521) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to close the Public Hearing on the 2020 Crawford County Amended Budget and 2020 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #3.

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Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-522) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2020 Crawford County Amended Budget as published.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-523) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2020 Amended Budget for Crawford County Fire District #3 as published.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed extending the COVID coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield until March 31, 2021.

On motion (20-524) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve extending the 100% coverage for COVID treatment through Blue Cross and Blue Shield until March 31, 2021.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle stated that he will be sending out the request forms for Special Alcohol Funds, Historical Funds, Elderly Funds and Parks and Recreation Funds for 2021 with the additional questions added to the forms. He also addressed Intellectual Disabilities Funding. He explained that the budgeted amount is divided between the four providers of these services in the county. He stated that the Community Developmental Disabilities Officer for Southeast Kansas provides the county with the number of clients served through each vendor, CLASS LTD, Mosaic, New Hope and SKIL and the funds are divided based on the number of clients served.

On motion (20-525) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the disbursement for the 2021 Intellectual Disabilities Fund.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Two: Mr. Tim Lewellyn from Short's Trash Service updated the Commissioners on his service schedule for trash pick up for the next two weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

On motion (20-526) 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 the Noxious Weed Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:45 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 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: 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 (20-527) of Commissioner Blair 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 Relationship to discuss employee reviews and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:01 PM.

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 11:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:01 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 29, 2020 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign December bills and payroll vouchers.

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Item Two: January 11, 2021 – 9:45 AM Swearing in Ceremony for the Newly Elected County Officials with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting to follow immediately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: December 24 & 25, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday and the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners will be cancelled on the 25th.

Item Two: December 31, 2020 – The Courthouse will close at 10:00 AM due to the cash audit and the Motor Vehicle Department will be closed all day. The Register of Deeds Office will be open until 10:00 AM but will not accept any recordings due to software updates.

Item Three: January 1, 2021 – The County Offices will be closed all day in observance of the New Year's Holiday and the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners will be cancelled on this day.

Item Four: January 12, 2021 – The Board of County Commissioner Regular Session is cancelled due to the Reorganization Meeting being held on January 11, 2021.

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 [December 22, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:07 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 BKW 12/22/2020 12:07 PM/ amended BKW 12/28/2020 1:38 PM