

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, TWELFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, February 14, 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 (20-072) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 11, 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	67	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 7, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	68	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Jon Prideaux and to request a refund in the amount of \$24.00 from the 2018 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	69	To approve the January 2020 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 20	70	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 and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:00 AM

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Motion 20	71	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:22 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Tim Mikrut, 911 Director and County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the bids on the communication tower fence project. Mr. Emerson stated that Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and Mr. Mikrut reviewed the bids and compared specifications and the low bid was from Jones Construction in the amount of \$10,040.00. Mr. Emerson stated that the recommendation is to accept the low bid from Jones Construction in the amount of \$10,040.00.

On motion (20-073) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the bid from Jones Construction in the amount of \$10,040.00 for the communication towers fence project as recommended by Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle addressed the distribution of the Intellectual Disabilities Funds. Mr. Pyle presented a report from the Community Developmental Disability Officer of Southeast Kansas, Ms. Amy Demoss that states the number of Crawford County clients served in each of the 4 agencies that provide these services. Commissioner Moody explained that in the past all these funds were given to CLASS LTD and other organizations that provide these services questioned this distribution and a few years ago it was decided to distribute the funds to each agency providing services based on the number of clients served. Commissioner Johnson was answered that these figures are given to Crawford County from Community Developmental Disability Organization. Mr. Pyle stated that the 4 organizations that receive the funds are CLASS LTD, Mosaic, New Hope & Skil.

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On motion (20-074) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the 2020 distribution of funds from the Intellectual Disabilities Fund as presented by the Crawford County Clerk.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle presented information from County Sanitarian Bill Towery about a tire collection program in the county and Mr. Towery stated that there are no funds available for this program through the state this year. Mr. Pyle explained that the funds received last year were to help to control the Zika Virus that was being spread by mosquitoes. Commissioner Moody stated that a tire collection program is a benefit for the county and it is desperately needed and would like to run the program and pay for it with County funds. The Commissioners agreed that it would be a benefit for the entire county. The Commissioners discussed ways of informing the public of the program and decided to address again in the spring.

Item Three: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Annual Peopeware Agreement between Computer Information Concepts Inc and Crawford County for the Public Works software for the Road & Bridge Department. Mr. Emerson explained the public works program to the Commissioners. He stated that Ms. Alyssa Edwards, Road and Bridge Coordinator would like the program renewed for 1 year and then research other options. Mr. Emerson stated that the renewal cost is \$1,300.00.

On motion (20-075) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Annual Peopeware Agreement between Computer Information Concepts Inc and Crawford County for the Public Works software for the Road & Bridge Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to vacate a 1-mile section of a county road known as the 200 North Block of 170th St located between 630th Ave and 640th Ave. He explained where the road is located and the reason for the vacation. He stated that there are 4 landowners involved and all are in agreement with the vacate.

On motion (20-076) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Vacate a county road known as the 200 North Block of 170th St with a public hearing set for March 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Cindy Lane, Executive Director of the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging addressed the Commissioners about the organization. She discussed the hot meals provided by their organization to the citizens in Crawford County. She handed out documents on meal information by county and site from the counties they provide services to. She also spoke about the funding provided and donations received to provide these services to the citizens. Ms. Lane introduced Ms. Stacy Dickerhoff, the Nutrition Program Manager. Ms. Dickerhoff explained the Nutrition Program and stated that they can suggest a cost for each meal but cannot require a fee for the service so if the individual cannot pay for the meal they cannot be eliminated from the program. Ms. Lane explained the cost of each meal and stated that home delivery meals cost about \$11.00 a meal which includes labor costs to prepare and deliver the meal as there are no volunteers. Ms. Lane and Ms. Dickerhoff discussed the total meals provided in Crawford County. Ms. Lane stated that currently they have never had to have a waiting list to provide meals but if more revenue is not generated, they will have to put a freeze on adding people to the meal list. She stated that a lot of the federal funds they receive, they must provide a match. She discussed other services provided by the organization in addition to the meals. Ms. Dickerhoff and Ms. Lane explained how this program is important to the impact of people's lives. Ms. Lane explained the request for elderly funds that the SEK Area Agency on Aging has submitted to Crawford County. There was a discussion on the Farmers Market Program.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Five: Commissioner Johnson stated that he attended a recycling board meeting and they are working on memberships and he is currently working on the Recycling Center's website with an online donation platform. He discussed a National Conference in Nashville which Dr. Triplett and Mr. Tim Dawsey are attending to meet with some contacts to explore some recycling options. Mr. Johnson stated that Dr. Triplett requested that the County pay for his hotel and conference fees in the approximate amount of \$1,100. Commissioner Moody feels that it would be beneficial for Dr. Triplett to attend. The Commissioners agreed to Dr. Triplett's request.

Item Six: Commissioner Johnson also said that a joint trailer for recycling materials with the City of Girard and the county was discussed at this meeting. Commissioner Blair stated that he believes that it was done at one time but had issues with trash. There was a discussion on different ways to be able to offer this program with monitoring and that Cherokee County currently has this type of program. Mr. Johnson stated that he will contact Cherokee County about their program. Commissioner Johnson also discussed a large item drop off program. Commissioner Blair discussed a program that may be being offered by Farm Bureau. Commissioner Moody discussed getting the cities involved in this also.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presenting the distribution of the Special Alcohol, Historical, Elderly and Parks and Recreation Funds.

There was a discussion of the Parks and Recreation Funds and Mr. Pyle stated that these funds are alcohol taxes that come back to the county earmarked for recreational opportunities. Mr. Pyle stated that there is one new request for 2020 for Bone Creek Lake for a walking path for citizens that was submitted by Marilyn VonSoosten and stated that the City of Pittsburg is not requesting parks and recreation funds for 2020. There was a discussion on the parks and recreation funding requests and the Commissioners would like a more detailed description of the use of funds and a request amount from the organizations requesting funds next year.

On motion (20-077) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the distribution of Parks and Recreation Funds for 2020 as presented by County Clerk Don Pyle.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

There was a discussion of the Historical Funds requested. There was a discussion about the funding to the 3 museums from the CVB museum grants. The Commissioners went through the organizations requests amount and the amount awarded in 2019 and increased some of the award amounts from the amounts awarded in 2019.

On motion (20-078) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the distribution of the 2020 Historical Funds as decided by the Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners discussed the distribution of the Special Alcohol Funds to Safehouse Crisis Resource Center Inc. and to Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County. Mr. Pyle explained Resolution #93-118 that states that an amount of at least \$5,197.00 must be distributed annually to the Transitional Living Facility for Women and Families with Children now known as Safehouse Crisis Resource Center.

On motion (20-079) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the distribution of the 2020 Special Alcohol Funds with \$6,500 awarded to Safehouse Crisis Resource Center Inc. and \$13,500 to Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

There was a discussion of the distribution of the Elderly Funds. Mr. Pyle stated that there are no new requests and everyone that applied for funds for 2019 also applied for 2020 funds with the exception of Frontenac Meals on Wheels who decided not to apply for 2020. The Commissioners discussed the funds and would like some additional time to review the requests and will address in the next meeting.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented Change Order No. 2 from Heck and Wicker Inc on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project increasing the original completion date an additional 3 weeks to April 22, 2020. He stated that the change is due to wet weather. Mr. Emerson stated that he has spoken with KDOT about the change order and they have no issues with it.

On motion (20-080) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve Change Order No. 2 from Heck and Wicker Inc on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project increasing the original completion date an additional 3 weeks and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody addressed the opioid lawsuit and Mr. Emerson stated that Attorney Pat Smith will be here on February 21, 2020 for an executive session to discuss this. Mr. Emerson discussed a bill out this year that would disallow counties from entering into this type of lawsuit.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson discussed the Regular Session on Tuesday, February 18, 2019 as the Courthouse is closed on Monday, February 17, 2019 in observance of President's Day. The Commissioner decided to cancel the meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2019.

On motion (20-081) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to cancel the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioner on Tuesday, February 18, 2019 due to the Courthouse being closed on Monday in observance of President's Day.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair stated he had a meeting with Mr. Dennis Meier this morning about the Coop situation and is working on a plan.

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Item Six: Commissioner Blair stated that he met with some representatives from Apex Jayhawk Wind Farms and discussed some concerns. He also stated that Dennis Meier should have information ready soon on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (20-082) 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 Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:10 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 11:55 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:01 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 21, 2020 – Mr. Dick Horton, Community Engagement Director for SEK-CAP, Inc., regarding a Regional Assessment Survey.

Item Two: February 21, 2020 – Executive Session with Attorney Pat Smith in reference to the opioid lawsuit.

Item Three: February 21, 2020 – Mr. Mac Young, Court Administrator with an update on the district court telephone project.

Item Four: February 21, 2020 –The Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners will begin at 9:00 AM with an Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel to conduct interviews for the Zoning Administrator position with the remainder of the session to begin immediately following.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 17, 2020 – The Crawford County Courthouse will be closed for President's Day.

Item Two: February 28, 2020 – The Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners is cancelled.

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UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [February 14, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:03 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 2/14/2020 12:03 PM/amended BKW 2/20/2020 3:00 PM](#)