

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, TENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, February 15, 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. Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were 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 (19-058) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the February 12, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers, and
3. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 588483 to 588733 dated January 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$252,953.77.

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 19	56	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 8, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	57	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 11:20 AM

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Jason VanBecelaere, Emergency Management Director addressing the Emergency Operations Plan. Mr. VanBecelaere explained that he had just received word that the state had approved the county's EOP that he sent to them and that the commissioners need to approve the plan as well. It was discussed that this plan must be submitted to the state for approval every 5 years in order to be eligible for federal disaster funds if needed. The resolution needed to be reprinted correctly.

RESOLUTION # 2019-007

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN for CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas finds it is in the best interests of the residents of Crawford County, to approve the Local Emergency Operations Plan for Crawford County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County Kansas under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A.1976 Supp. 48-929 (d), does hereby adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan for Crawford County Kansas.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the area within the border of Crawford County, Kansas covered by this resolution is the entire area of Crawford County, Kansas.

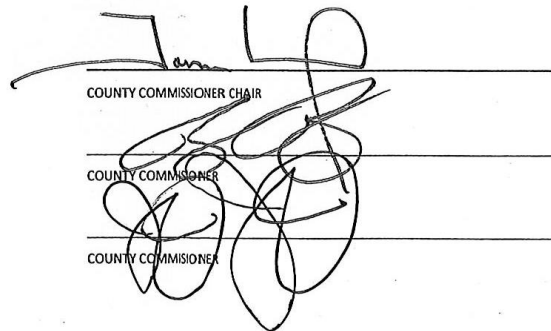
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all rights and/ or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect for a period of five(5) years unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS 15th day of FEBRUARY 2019.



COUNTY CLERK



COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHAIR
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

On motion (19-059) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2019-007, a Resolution Adopting the Local Emergency Operations Plan for Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC:

Item One: Ms. Cristy Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas representative, was present with some information on the health insurance plan for county employees. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that Ms. Mitchell had some reports for the plan from 2018 to summarize the claims of the group. Mr. Pyle stated that it would be good to review these reports with her to understand the claims and discuss strategies to help employees be healthier and reduce health insurance claims. The commissioners wanted her to come back for a work session soon.

Item Two: Mr. Larry Jacobs wanted to discuss the Watco Trail Proposal and the ABC Trails Initiative. Mr. Jacobs stated that the ABC Trails booklet includes information on the Watco Trail and he wondered why this would be included since it has not been fully approved. Mr. Jacobs stated that he contacted people with the National Guard and they have not been approached about helping to develop the Watco Trail. Mr. Jacobs felt that the Watco Trail supporters are not being fully truthful. Mr. Jacobs felt that Mr. Johnson had misrepresented himself at the ABC Trails meeting in Fort Scott and Mr. Johnson felt that his statements were misunderstood. Ms. Joyce Jacobs stated that they were labeled as trouble makers and she felt that they were following the proper channels. Mr. Jacobs felt that Mr. Johnson could not fairly represent his views. Commissioner Blair stated that Mr. Jacobs and their whole group had conducted themselves very professionally. Commissioner Moody stated that the Live Well Group would schedule a public meeting in the future to give everyone a chance to have their questions answered. Commissioner Johnson stated that he intended to discuss the ABC Trails Meeting in New Business.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that they could review the culvert bids. The commissioners wanted to finalize those bids and get an order placed for culverts for 2019. Commissioner Blair stated that the 2 lowest bids are very close and that Bo's One Stop keeps additional culverts in stock that makes them very convenient to use.

On motion (19-060) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to award the bid for Culverts for 2019 to Bo's One Stop.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a request for a work session with Deffenbaugh Industries concerning the old county landfill that was closed in the 1990's.

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Mr. Emerson stated that Jeff King, the attorney for Deffenbaugh's wants to have a work session on February 26, 2019, to review the current test samples. The commissioners felt that they could all be in attendance.

Item Three: Commissioner Jeremy Johnson stated that when he attended the ABC Trails Meeting in Fort Scott, he did not have a copy of the Resolution that the Board of Commissioners had approved. The ABC Trails group had asked that Mr. Johnson announce the 3 members of the board for the ABC Trails Initiative, which they had already asked. Mr. Johnson announced the 3 board members and then asked County Counselor Jim Emerson later if he had that authority. Mr. Emerson felt that he did not have that authority and Mr. Johnson wanted to take care of that situation today. It was discussed that the ABC Trails Group had asked for Ms. Linda Timme, Mr. Daryl Pulliam and Mr. John Robb to be appointed to that board. It was discussed that their role would be to look at grant funding for a regional bike trail system that would encompass Allen, Bourbon and Crawford counties. Mr. Larry Jacobs felt that the county's support would open the door for them to receive grant funds for these trails. There was a discussion of some of the problems with development of the Watco Trail and that they are a long way from development of that trail. It was also discussed that the ABC Trails Initiative is a great project but that the Watco Trail is separate from the ABC Trails. Commissioner Blair asked what would happen if the resolution for support of the Watco Trail is rescinded by the commissioners. Mr. Mark Scales stated that he felt that the Live Well group should have more of a plan developed before the county agrees to support it. The commissioners wanted to review the resolution and discuss exactly what the resolution states and how it involves the county. They also decided that they would wait to decide who would be appointed to the ABC Trails Board. Mr. Rick Estenson stated that he felt that they should also know what will happen if the highway 69 bypass is moved and it is developed into a four-lane highway.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle mentioned that he attended the Osage Township Board Meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Pyle stated that he swore in all of the new board members and they had a good positive meeting that was well attended.

Item Two: Commissioner Jeremy Johnson mentioned that he will not be at the meeting on Tuesday, February 19, as he will be in Topeka to testify on a Rural Opportunity Zone bill that would extend that program to Crawford County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 19, 2019 – Mr. Rick Pfeiffer, Mental Health Executive Director and Mr. Dwight Brennfoerder with update on the new Addiction Treatment Center.

Item Two: February 19, 2019 – Mr. John Varsolona, Varsolona Driving School, discussing Defensive Driving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Item One: February 18, 2019 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of President's Day.

Item Two: February 19, 2019 – SEK Inc. meeting and luncheon at 11:30 AM at Kendall Packaging all 3 commissioners may be in attendance.

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 [February 15, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:50 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 2/15/2019 by DPP 10:50 AM](#)