

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, **FOURTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, February 26, 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 Bruce Blair was in attendance.

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 (21-066) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 23, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 21	63	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the February 19, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	64	To adopt Resolution #2021-003, A Resolution Prohibiting Parking on the East Side of Sinnet Street Between K-47 Highway on the North and Carline Road on the South, Crawford County, Kansas
Motion 21	65	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss the Noxious Weed Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Tommy Scales and to reconvene by 10:33 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 CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Crawford County Health Officers addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. The Commissioners were given the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 2/25/2021. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins went through the Community Gating Criteria and the School Gating Criteria K-12 and explained the changes. He stated that he believes the shift down is related to vaccines and the slowing of movement due to the inclement weather and the schools being closed. Dr. Stebbins also went through the local hospital statistics. He explained the number of first and second doses of the vaccine that have been given and stated that there will be another 1,100 first doses given between today and tomorrow and that will complete all first doses for teachers and care staff in the county that wanted the vaccine. He stated that the Community Health Center should be getting their federal distribution this week and the Health Officers will be meeting with them today to discuss priorities for the vaccines. He explained that the county is nearing the end of vaccinating the individuals age 65 and over and are moving into the critical infrastructure phase. He spoke about Phase 2 and Phase 3. He discussed the number of vaccines that may be received next week to the Health Department and Community Health. He stated that the pharmacies are also receiving vaccination doses and they are working through the same priorities as the Health Department.

Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam stated that there will be a drive thru vaccination clinic by appointment on Saturday at the Crawford County Fairgrounds and they hope to vaccinate 700 people in that clinic. Ms. Janis Goedeke discussed the upcoming clinic at the fairgrounds and stated the Health Department has been very fortunate that anything they have asked for from the other county departments in preparing for the clinic has been done immediately. Commissioner Johnson asked about the response to the volunteer sign up and Ms. Goedeke stated that they have had 40 individuals complete the information and they will start contacting them soon. Commissioner Johnson asked about the critical infrastructure phase and how those vaccines will be given and Dr. Stebbins stated that it will be done both ways, at the facilities and by appointment.

Dr. Michael Ehling stated that Ms. Goedeke and Ms. Van Kam go above and beyond their duties and stated that last week a 101-year-old woman made an appointment for a vaccine and Ms. Goedeke and Ms. Van Kam had a cake and balloons and the Health department all signed a card for the lady when she came for her vaccine.

Dr. Stebbins discussed the current restrictions and the mitigations in place and stated that these issues will need to be discussed in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Ehling introduced Seth George and stated that Mr. George has been with the Health Department from the start of the pandemic. Mr. George addressed the Commissioners and went through his responsibilities at the Health Department as contract tracer and as a COVID Investigator and he discussed how rewarding this experience has been.

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Mr. Ehling stated that today is Mr. George's last day and on behalf of the Crawford County Health Department presented Mr. George with an award for going above and beyond the call of duty with generosity of heart and spirit during the pandemic of 2021.

Ms. Van Kam wanted to thank all of the Health Department staff for everything they have done as they all go above and beyond every day.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS
NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented some information from the Department of Commerce that he received and he explained that all of the materials were available for the commissioners to review.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Crawford County Solid Waste Plan 2020 Update from Triad Environmental Services. He stated that a review of the plan has to be done each year and every 5 years a more in-depth review and update is done. He explained that a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee did not take place due to COVID-19 and it was approved by the KDHE to have the document emailed to the committee members for review and the committee has approved the Crawford County 2020 Solid Waste Management Plan update. Mr. Emerson went through the update with the Commissioners. He also discussed the HHW program and discussed some grants that were received. Mr. Emerson stated that he appreciates Triad Environmental Services working with the Solid Waste Committee on the update.

On motion (21-067) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan 2020 Update.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair discussed some concerns he has received about the intersection of K126 Highway and Highway 7 and he stated that he has notified KDOT of the concerns and they are looking into those concerns and he will give an update when he has additional information.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair stated that he will be in attendance at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge this weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Mr. Emerson stated that the notice for the Crawford County Tax Sale is scheduled to be published on March 3, 2021, March 10, 2021 and March 17, 2021 and the sale is scheduled to be held on April 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Memorial Auditorium.

Item Two: Mr. Blair discussed the dump truck bids and stated he will have more information next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 5, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with County Health Officials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [February 26, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:45 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 2/26/2021 10:45 AM/amended BKW 3/1/2021 12:10 PM](#)