

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, **NINTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, February 5, 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.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were 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 (21-045) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 2, 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:

Motion 21	39	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 29, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	40	To approve the January 2021 Clerk's Report as presented.
Motion 21	41	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:37 AM.

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Motion 21	42	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 AM.
Motion 21	43	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:56 AM.
Motion 21	44	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the employee evaluations under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:11 AM.

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: County Health Officials with COVID-19 update. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria. He informed the Commissioners of the local hospitals' COVID statistics and also reported on the isolation and quarantine cases at PSU. He stated that the county is staying at a steady range. Dr. Stebbins went through the Community Gating Criteria and stated that the cases in the 65 and over age group has declined and feels that it is due to vaccination efforts. He also discussed the increase in cases in the 10 to 17 age group. He said the number of deaths has changed due to reconciliation with the state data. He went through the Schools K-12 Gating Criteria. Dr. Stebbins stated that vaccination data has now been added to the Gating Criteria. He informed the Commissioners that 3,843 unique individuals have been vaccinated. He discussed the total number of vaccines given and how many vaccines will be given today. He stated that all vaccines that were received have been given.

Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam reported on the Well Health locations and stated that a total of 1,977 individuals have been tested with 218 positive tests, 1,699 negative tests, 36 tests still pending and 24 tests rejected with a 11% positivity rate. She informed the Commissioners that the Well Health site at the Countryside Christian Church will be closed but the site at the Bicknell Center at PSU will remain in operation through the end of April. Ms. Van Kam reported on the Mobile Unit and stated that a total of 526 individuals have been tested with 402 total negative results, 122 total positive results and 2 inconclusive tests for a 23% positivity rate.

Ms. Janis Goedeke reported on the drive thru vaccination operation and said that it went well and they had student volunteers from PSU assisting and the drive thru was very well received by the public. She said that 302 vaccines were given Wednesday at the first drive thru, 192 vaccines were given at an inside clinic at Health Department yesterday and approximately 110 to 120 vaccines will be given today and by the end of the day all

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600 vaccination doses received this week from KDHE will be given. She said that 68 second dose vaccines have also been given. She stated that next week they are expecting to receive another 600 vaccine doses and will start working with the schools in vaccinating the teachers. Commissioner Moody thanked all the health workers and stated that he received several phone calls on how fine-tuned the vaccination operation is running. County Clerk Don Pyle reported on the vaccination hotline and stated that the phone calls have slowed down a little bit and a lot of the calls are individuals asking where they were at on the list. Ms. Goedeke stated that the vaccinees are taken by age and not by order on a list. Dr. Stebbins explained the number of people in the categories that are in the phases that are priority and all vaccines received are being given. Dr. Stebbins addressed Crawford County having the capability and capacity of being a regional distribution area. Ms. Goedeke stated that all the entities and the community have come together to make all this possible.

Dr. Stebbins discussed the vaccination strategy. He explained the level of immunity for individuals after the first and second doses.

Dr. Linda Bean reported that Community Health has received a Cepheid machine and stated that one swab can test for Influenza A & B, RSV and COVID-19.

Dr. Bean and Dr. Stebbins discussed the tremendously decreased amount of influenza and RSV cases this year and how mitigation procedures have had a dramatic effect on this. Dr. Stebbins asked that the public to please not avoid seeking medical care for other ailments because of COVID-19 as appropriate mitigation procedures are in place to protect you.

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

Item One: Mr. Pyle discussed an ongoing issue with water damage and the carpeting in the Fiscal Clerk's office and he is going to work with Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz in resolving the issue.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the rock bids. He presented recommendations and a document on testing of the rock from Triad Engineering. He went through the recommendations with the Commissioners. He stated that 2 vendors bid on rock from 5 quarries. He discussed the testing on roadstone. He also discussed the prices of the rock. He stated that the vendors have to be notified of the testing results. Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Dennis Meier and Mr. Mike Green from Triad Engineering can explain the testing to the Commissioners if they wish.

On motion (21-046) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2021 rock bids as recommended by Triad Environmental Services.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Commissioner Blair addressed problems with muddy county roads and individuals driving in ditches and stated that he has spoken to Sheriff Smith to alleviate the issue and he will continue working on this and report to the Commissioners.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody asked about the back tax foreclosure sale and Mr. Emerson stated he is working on this and will announce a sale date in a week or so.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle addressed new legislative bills being proposed on property tax refunds/abatement related to COVID-19. Mr. Pyle stated he emailed this information to the Commissioners. He also addressed a tax transparency bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: IT Director Mr. Brandon Spaur requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-047) 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 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 11:20 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 11:05 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

On motion (21-048) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners reconvened at 11:17 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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Item Two: Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-049) 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 30 minutes to discuss the employee evaluations under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 11:20 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 11:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

OLD BUSINESS continued

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson discussed a work session on road planning. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on February 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM with the 3 road foremen, Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: February 9, 2021 – Employee evaluations beginning at 9:00 AM.

Item Two: February 12, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session to discuss road planning with the 3 road foremen, Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: February 15, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of President's Day.

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 5, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:55 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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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 2/5/2021 11:55 AM/amended BKW 2/8/2021 3:30 PM](#)