

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, TENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, February 7, 2020 9:00 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.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 50 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel to review applications for Zoning Administrator.

**On motion (20-061)** 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 50 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 9:57 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 9:07 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 9:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (20-062)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **February 4, 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.**

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### SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 20	57	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 31, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	58	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, Juvenile Justice Director Angie Hadley, Mental Health Executive Director Michael Ehling and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:20 AM
Motion 20	59	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 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 11:00 AM
Motion 20	60	To approve the Economic Development Grant and Tax Refund for the county portion of 2018 real estate taxes in the amount of \$5,357.22 for Sullivan Properties, LLC

### 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

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

**Item One:** The Commissioners reviewed a Proclamation proclaiming February 8, 2020 as Jake Holmes Day in Crawford County. Chairman Blair read the proclamation which stated that Mr. Holmes is the 2019 Junior Rodeo World Champion. Commissioner Moody stated that there will be a ceremony in honor of Mr. Holmes on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Mulberry Senior Center. He also stated that he will attend the ceremony and will be reading the Proclamation at the ceremony.

**On motion (20-063)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Proclamation of February 8, 2020 as Jake Holmes Day in Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### NEW BUSINESS

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**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the 2020 requests for Parks and Recreation Funding, Historical Funding, Elderly Funding and Special Alcohol Funding. Mr. Pyle and the Commissioner discussed the Historical Funding. The Commissioners will review the requests and readdress them at a later date.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated that he will be gone February 16, 2020 to February 23, 2020. He stated that the Courthouse will be closed on February 18, 2020 for President's Day.

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a letter from Ms. Angie Hadley, Program Coordinator for Restorative Justice Authority requesting the approval of the appointment of Mr. Michael Ehling to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.

**On motion (20-064)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Ehling to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody discussed the Crawford County Fairgrounds and the City of Girard's logging project.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he met with Mr. Matt Bacon, City of Pittsburg Director of Public Utilities in reference to flooding issues at 20<sup>th</sup> and Free King Highway. He stated that the idea is to put a pipe under the road to create a path to have the water go back to Cow Creek. He stated that Mr. Ron Albertini had previously done a survey and will start drafting easements. Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Bacon had suggested looking into other outfalls where water comes from the City into the County and to start drafting a plan of action. The Commissioners discussed this issue and other flooding issues. Mr. Johnson addressed a survey for entities in reference to flooding events.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that he spoke to County Sanitarian Bill Towery about the tire amnesty program and Mr. Towery is still working on this issue.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated that he received an email from Mr. John Lehman in reference to his reappointment as the non-lawyer member of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Judicial Nominating Commission and Mr. Lehman stated that he would like to remain on that board.

**On motion (20-065)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the reappointment of Mr. John W Lehman as a non-lawyer member of the Eleventh District Judicial Nominating Commission.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson stated that the next back tax foreclosure sale will be held March 20, 2020 at 2:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Courthouse.

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson stated that he has tried to contact WCA in reference to the County's sanitation services with no avail. He stated that he will continue to work on the issue of the County's sanitation services.

**Item Five:** Mr. Emerson discussed the Landfill Contract.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Moody stated that he was contacted by Mr. Tad Dunham in reference to a fence viewing. Mr. Moody explained the fence viewing procedure. Mr. Emerson will work on this issue.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued from above)**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

**On motion (20-066)** 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 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 10:39 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 10:29 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:39 AM 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: Saturday, February 8, 2020** – A ceremony in honor of Jake Holmes at 2:00 PM at the Mulberry Senior Center. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

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

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [February 7, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:42 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.**

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**Don Pyle**

County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

[Taken by DPP 2/07/2020 10:42 AM/amended BKW 2/10/2020 12:40 PM](#)