

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2018, **FOURTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS **Tuesday, January 22, 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 (19-023) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 14, 2019** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 587734 to 588023 dated January 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$987,718.94.

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	18	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 11, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	19	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Tom Moody to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 19	20	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately

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Motion 19	21	To name the First National Bank of Girard, Exchange State Bank of Girard, GNBANK, Commerce Bank and Equity Bank as the official working banks for the business of the taxpayers of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 19	22	To name the <i>Pittsburg Morning Sun</i> as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Mr. Matt Godeniz, Executive Director SEK Regional Planning Commission addressed the Commissioners with an update. Mr. Godeniz stated that the longtime director of the SEK Regional Planning Commission retired and, as of July 1, 2018, became the director. He explained how the RPC is broken down into sections in each county in the state. He stated that at the current time, the Planning Commission is marketing the revolving loan fund that is handled through the Economic Development Administration and that one company in Crawford County, Controlvision, is currently paying the loan and has had it for 15 years. Mr. Godeniz said the RPC is going to be working with the New Opportunity Zones. He stated that they are also working on a 5-year comprehensive economic development strategy. Mr. Godeniz explained that a major part of what the SEK Regional Planning Commission does is to handle the CDBG and a fresh batch of grants should be available April 1, 2019. He stated that each county is represented on the Planning Commission and the Crawford County position is now vacant and the Board of County Commissioners needs to appoint a member. He said that the RPC meets the first Tuesday of every month in Chanute. Mr. Moody stated he would like more contact from the Planning Commission and Mr. Godeniz stated that he would like to attend a County Commission meeting quarterly with updates. He also explained that a county has to be a member of the Regional Planning Commission in order for the cities in that county to be eligible and a lot of the opportunities are at the city levels.

On motion (19-024) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson as Crawford County representative to the SEK Regional Planning Commission.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mike Cosgrove, Mercy Lifeline Membership Services addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he would like to offer membership to Crawford County Employees with a payroll deduction option. Mr. Cosgrove explained the benefits of the

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policy with his company. Commissioner Moody stated that Mr. Cosgrove should offering his services at the Employee Benefit Fair. Mr. Pyle suggested Mr. Cosgrove meeting with Benefits Administrator Ms. Randi Ryan to discuss the payroll deduction. Mr. Pyle will report back to the Commissioners.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Brad Stroud, Live Well Crawford County Director presenting 2 resolutions. Mr. Stroud presented Resolution #2019-004, a Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas Approving the Extension of the Watco Trail from Pittsburg, Kansas to Cherokee, Kansas as recommended by the Crawford County Active Transportation Advisory Board and Live Well Crawford County. Mr. Stroud explained the trail to the Commission. He stated that through the Pathways to Healthy Kansas Grant (which Live Well coordinates) it is required to work on and pass one policy that will help increase active lifestyles, healthy eating and tobacco prevention. He stated that the passing of Resolution #2019-004 will qualify as that grant objective to allow Live Well access to funding to use for the development and construction of the trail. Mr. Stroud stated that Live Well Crawford County will serve as the trail manager providing maintenance and upkeep of the trail. He explained that Crawford County is not expected to manager the trail at this time or to provide any funding for it. Mr. Roger Lomshek, Chairman of the Active Transportation Advisory Board stated that Mr. Brad Snow from Watco was unable to attend the meeting today and asked him to speak on its behalf stating that Watco is in favor of this trail. Mr. Moody asked about maintenance and Mr. Stroud stated that Live Well will organize the maintenance and that Watco will have some resources to help with the maintenance when needed. Mr. Lomshek stated that Watco can handle the weed control and assist with erosion maintenance. Mr. Moody was answered that there is no match to this grant. Commissioner Johnson asked about the projected total cost and Mr. Stroud stated some preliminary figures have been calculated but there is a lot of information to gather first. Mr. Lomshek explained that details have yet to be determined for a cost and they're not asking the county for any money, just support that this trail is a good idea. There was a discussion on hooking on to the current trail, the crossing of 69 Highway safely, parking and fencing. There was also a discussion on liability insurance on the trail and Mr. Moody requested that Mr. Pyle check with our insurance agency about liability on the trail.

On motion (19-025) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2019-004, a Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas Approving the Extension of the Watco Trail from Pittsburg, Kansas to Cherokee, Kansas as Recommended by the Crawford County Active Transportation Advisory Board and Live Well Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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Mr. Stroud presented Resolution #2019-005, a Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas Approving the ABC Trails Active Transportation Plan Recommended by the ABC Trails Partnership consisting of Thrive Allen County, The Healthy Bourbon County Action Team and Live Well Crawford County. Mr. Stroud explained that ABC stands for Allen County, Bourbon County and Crawford County and that this is a three-county partnership to focus on the development of the ABC Trails from the major cities in each county. Mr. Randy Rasa, member of the Board of Directors of Thrive Allen County addressed the Commission. He explained what Thrive Allen County is and what it has done for Allen County and that this plan is critical in improving the health of the community, attracting business, retaining and attracting residents, and interconnecting these counties. He stated that this plan is partially bike routes and partially potential and future trail development and is asking for approval of this resolution as support for obtaining future funding. Ms. Jody Hoener, Economic Development Director from Bourbon County addressed the Commissioners. She spoke about what the vision of her community is and about the ABC Trails. Mr. Stroud addressed the routes and the connection of the three counties by paved roads. Mr. Johnson asked about identifying and marketing the trails and Mr. Rasa explained and addressed the signs to be installed. Mr. Stroud stated that this resolution is not asking for funding, just support that will give them momentum in obtaining future funding. Ms. Hoener stated that on February 12, 2019 they would like the Commissioners from the three counties to meet to solidify the partnership along with the media. She stated that they would also like the commissioners to appoint three members to a committee to seek out grant opportunities.

On motion (19-026) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to adopt Resolution #2019-005, a Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas Approving the ABC Trails Active Transportation Plan Recommended by the ABC Trails Partnership consisting of Thrive Allen County, The Healthy Bourbon County Action Team and Live Well Crawford County.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presenting the 2019 Special Alcohol, Historical, Elderly and Parks and Recreation Fund requests. Mr. Pyle explained how these funds originated and how they work. He stated that the Historical and Elderly are budgeted funds and Parks and Recreation and Special Alcohol are non-budgeted funds that come from local alcoholic liquor tax. Mr. Pyle explained Resolution #93-118 that was passed by the Commission allotting a set amount to Crisis Resource Center and stated that the balance of the fund is allotted to Crawford County Mental Health. He also explained the Historical Fund and the Elderly Fund and how these funds are distributed throughout the county. He also spoke about the Intellectual Disabilities Fund. He requested that the Commissioners look over the request and will address for approval.

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Item Two: Mr. Mac Young, District Court Administrator introduce himself to the new Commissioners.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented the Osage Township Board Letters of Interest that he received. Mr. Pyle stated that he has received six requests for two positions. The Commissioners will review the letters and Mr. Pyle will continue to accept letters until Friday, January 25, 2019, which the Commissioners have set as the deadline to apply for these positions.

Item Two: Mr. Jim Emerson presented the rock bid recommendations. Mr. Emerson stated that the bid process for rock began in 2000 and the bid process has saved the county a lot of money over the years. He explained that Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Environmental has reviewed the bids and made recommendations. Mr. Emerson explained how Mr. Meier calculates his recommendations. Mr. Emerson went over the bids and stated that the prices have gone up slightly from last year.

On motion (19-027) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the rock bids as recommended by Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Environmental.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson presented copies of the current landfill contracts. He gave some background information on the landfill and stated that the county ran the landfill up until the early 1990's. He explained that in October 1993 the federal government created stricter guidelines for operating landfills and the Commission did not feel it would be cost effective to continue operating the landfill. Mr. Emerson stated that the county then went through a process of searching for companies to put a landfill in Crawford County and Deffenbaugh Industries was chosen. He stated that Deffenbaugh ran the county landfill for a year while building their own landfill in Arcadia. He stated that July 1994 is when the landfill operations were started. He explained the tipping fees in the contract. He stated that the contract was a 25-year contract so it will be renewable in July 2019. Mr. Moody addressed the condition of the landfill road stated that this is one big issue for negotiations. Mr. Moody asked about the county negotiating the contract alone or hiring a firm to assist the county with negotiations.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson stated that City of Pittsburg is starting interviews for consultants for the comprehensive plan and he will be attending the interviews along with Zoning Administrator Troy Graham.

Item Five: Mr. Moody stated that he will be attending the Regional Juvenile Detention Board Meeting tonight and explained that the board meets quarterly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: January 23, 2019 -- Local Government Day in Topeka and more than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Item Two: January 25, 2019 – Ms. Debra Anthony, Crawford County Health Department discussing Worksite Wellness Policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 [January 22, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:27 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 BKW 1/22/19 11:27 AM/amended BKW 1/24/19 2:30 PM/amended GSRG 1/25/19 3:30 PM](#)