

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **SIXTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, January 24, 2020 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 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.

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

**On motion (20-040)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 17, 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.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

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

Motion 20	28	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 14, 2020 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 596047 to 596304 dated January 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$933,557.42
Motion 20	29	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Bruce Blair to serve as Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately
Motion 20	30	To approve the nomination of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners for a one-year term commencing immediately

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Motion 20	31	To approve a lump sum contribution of \$10,000 to the SEK Recycling Center
Motion 20	32	To name the 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 20	33	To name the Pittsburg Morning Sun as the official newspaper publication of Crawford County for a period of one year commencing immediately
Motion 20	34	To approve the Contract for Single Audit Services with Diehl Banwart Bolton Certified Public Accountants PA for the year ending December 31, 2019 and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	35	To adopt Resolution #2020-003, A Resolution Establishing a Weighted Local Preference Policy for Formal Sealed Bids
Motion 20	36	To approve the purchase of a hydraulic boom with a post driver from Payne's Inc
Motion 20	37	To approve a purchasing credit card for 911 Director Tim Mikrut with a credit limit of \$2,500 from GNBANK
Motion 20	38	To approve the 2020 rock bids as recommended by Mr. Dennis Meier of Triad Environmental Services
Motion 20	39	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 11:11 AM

### 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

**Item One:** Mr. Jim Zibert, Earle's Engineering and Inspection addressed the Commissioners in reference to an update on Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Zibert presented Change Order #1 From Heck & Wicker, Inc. on the Crawford County Sewer District # 3 Force Main Relocation Project. Mr. Zibert discussed the issues that were encountered on the south end of the project. It was discussed that the water lines were closer than originally thought and the location of the new line had to be altered so that it would be far enough from water lines and other utilities in the area. Commissioner Moody was answered that nearly 75% of the work has been completed on this project and that unless there is a prolonged period of bad weather that prevents work from being done, there should not be a problem in completing this project well before the required completion date. He also presented Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. via Earle's Engineering and Inspection on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the amount of \$155,082.02.

**On motion (20-041)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2 from Heck & Wicker, Inc via

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Earle's Engineering and Inspection on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project in the amount of \$155,082.02 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**On motion (20-042)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Change Order #1 from Heck & Wicker, Inc. in the amount of \$9,526.30 on the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Force Main Relocation Project and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle mentioned that he received a letter from the Supreme Court of Kansas informing him that the two year term of the Crawford County Non-Lawyer member of the Eleventh District Judicial Nominating Commission will expire on March 2, 2020. Mr. Pyle stated that Mr. John Lehman has represented Crawford County on that commission for many years and that he spoke with Mr. Lehman and that he is still interested in representing the county on the commission. It was discussed that he could be reappointed or that another person could be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Pyle asked the commissioners to start thinking about this appointment and they will discuss this issue again at a later date.

**Item Two:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that he received an invitation for the commissioners to attend the Crawford County Conservation District Annual Meeting on February 15 at Girard High School. Mr. Pyle also mentioned that he and Sandy Casey attended the SEK, Inc. Annual Meeting on January 23, 2020, at the Kansas Crossing Casino. Mr. Pyle stated that the economic development group has helped several businesses in the area with loans or grants for expansion.

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding a request for a work session with the Commissioners on January 28, 2020, before the regular meeting. It was decided that the commissioners would have a work session with Dennis Meyers of Triad Environmental Services beginning at 9:30 AM on January 28, 2020.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Tom Moody thanked Sheriff Danny Smith for the hard work that he and his staff have been involved with in the last few days. Sheriff Smith stated

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that they have been involved with a couple of incidents including the apprehension of two suspects in several criminal incidents and that he was very happy that the standoff resulted in their arrests and that no one was hurt in the process.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Tom Moody regarding a discussion he had with a landowner on the Frontenac – Arma road and that the county would work on cleaning up some of the right of way on that road in the near future.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson regarding some of the issues that were discussed at the Local Government Day on January 22 in Topeka. Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Jay Hall, KAC Legislative Director, was doubtful that the county constitutional home rule issue would get much consideration since the abortion and Medicaid issues were taking up so much of the energy of the legislature.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson regarding the SEK Regional Planning Commission meeting that he recently attended in Chanute. Mr. Johnson stated that the SEKRPC had approved a loan to Thomas Mfg. in Girard that will help that business to be purchased by the employees. Mr. Johnson was glad to see a local business benefiting from the membership in the SEKRPC.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle regarding the Local Government Day in Topeka on January 22. Mr. Pyle stated that he visited with all of the state representatives and the state senator that represent Crawford County. It was discussed that all of the legislators were positive that the LAVTR could be revived to provide some funds to help with property tax relief for cities and counties. Mr. Pyle also mentioned that the current resolutions that are being considered to be placed on the ballot are set up to be on the primary election ballot in August. Mr. Pyle stated that he pointed out that by placing that on the primary ballot, the election officers would have to make an additional set of ballots for unaffiliated voters to use at the primary election which would be an extra expense.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson regarding an agreement with KDOT for payment for the relocation of Sewer District Number 3 forced main.

**On motion (20-043)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas, for payment of the cost of the Crawford County Sewer District #3 Sewer Replacement Project.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Tom Moody regarding the next property tax sale. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the sale should take place in March of 2020.

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**Item Four:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson regarding placing signs on rural secondary roads. Mr. Johnson stated that KDOT has told him to draft a letter to KDOT requesting the sign to be placed and they will then consider the request. Mr. Johnson stated that he will work with Mr. Emerson on a letter to KDOT. Commissioner Moody stated that T & C Wildlife had asked him about requesting a sign on Highway 69

**Item Five:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson mentioned that the Solid Waste Planning Committee would meet on January 28 and that a representative of the City of Pittsburg would be there to discuss long term goals for the SEK Recycling Center.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair regarding a recycling event that could be held at the fairgrounds to help with recycling tires and other items. It was discussed that tires could be taken to the fairgrounds and to the Freeto building. County Sanitarian Bill Towery will be notified so that he can check on a tire amnesty program.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair recognized Mr. Pete Earle of Earle's Engineering in the audience and asked if he had something he would like to address with the commissioners. Mr. Earle stated that he had hoped to be at the commission meeting for the presentation on the sewer district project but that the first part of the trip from Salina to Girard was a bit icy and that the trip took longer than expected. Commissioner Moody was answered by Mr. Earle that the original cost estimate on the sewer district project was much higher than the bid amounts because they included the cost of having to place the line in rock. Mr. Earle stated that the contractors had not included additional costs for that situation.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes.

**On motion (20-044)** of Commissioner Moody 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 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 11:00 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 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: January 28, 2020 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign January 2020 bills and payroll vouchers.

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**Item Two: January 28, 2020 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Dennis Meyers of Triad Environmental Services regarding the old landfill.

**Item Three: January 28, 2020** – Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director presenting annual report.

### **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 24, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:02 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 1/24/2020 at 11:02 AM](#)