

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2018, **FIFTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS **Friday, January 25, 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 (19-028)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **January 22, 2019** 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 19	23	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 14, 2019 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 587734 to 588023 dated January 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$987,718.94
Motion 19	24	To approve the appointment of Commissioner Jeremy Johnson as Crawford County representative to the SEK Regional Planning Commission
Motion 19	25	To adopt Resolution #2019-004, a Resolution of Crawford County, Kansas Approving the Extension of the Watco Trail from Pittsburg,

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		Kansas to Cherokee, Kansas as Recommended by the Crawford County Active Transportation Advisory Board and Live Well Crawford County
Motion 19	26	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
Motion 19	27	To approve the rock bids as recommended by Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Environmental

### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

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

**Item One:** Mr. Mike Gayoso, County Attorney, addressed the Commissioners to give an update on criminal cases and assignment of Judges. He explained the changes in assigning the caseloads and now all felony cases will be held in the District Court in Girard and juvenile, traffic and misdemeanor cases will still be heard in the Pittsburg District Court. Commissioner Johnson inquired as to why the changes are taking place and Mr. Gayoso stated that the Judges could answer that question as he was not privy to that information. Mr. Gayoso explained that the changes were done with the consent of Judge Lynch, Chief Judge of the District, and Judge Lynch approved the order in December. He stated that before the changes each judge would handle 1/3 of the criminal cases and now with the majority of the criminal cases, which are felony cases, being heard in Girard, it has created an issue with the attorneys currently housed in Pittsburg. Mr. Gayoso explained the problems if those attorneys remain in Pittsburg, therefore the need to move those attorneys to Girard. He also explained the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Pittsburg for the attorney handling the felony drug cases. Mr. Gayoso stated that there is not sufficient space in his office in the Courthouse in Girard to add any additional persons. He stated that he has spoken with Mr. Robert Gorentz, Maintenance Supervisor, and County Treasurer Joe Grisolano about the Attorneys Office taking over the Motor Vehicle Office on the 1st Floor of the Courthouse which is moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor to the Treasurer's Office. He discussed the agreement he and Mr. Grisolano had with trading spaces and allowing Mr. Grisolano the use of some of the County Attorney's Conference Room in the Pittsburg Judicial Center for additional room for the Pittsburg Motor Vehicle office. Mr. Gayoso stated that this agreement is contingent upon the Commissioners approval of use of the space on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Courthouse. Mr. Gayoso stated these assignment orders and changes are subject to change at any time and the cases could be reassigned back to Pittsburg. Mr. Moody was answered that the Motor Vehicle space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be sufficient space for the attorneys. Commissioner Johnson was answered that the order became effective January 1, 2019 and explained that the criminal cases that are assigned for jury trial and are currently set for Pittsburg will remain in Pittsburg but all new jury trials will be held in Girard.

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County Treasurer Joe Grisolano addressed the Commissioners and explained the needs assessment being done but stated that whatever the outcome is on the conference room in Pittsburg he will allow Mr. Gayoso to utilize the space in the Motor Vehicle office. The Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Gayoso move forward with the changes when able. Mr. Gayoso stated his office will not need to utilize the former Live Well Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Ms. Debra Anthony, Crawford County Health Department, discussed a Worksite Wellness Policy. Ms. Anthony presented the Crawford County Physical Activity Policy and discussed short stand up breaks every hour during the workday and meetings or trainings that last longer than one hour. She stated that the Wellness Committee will start with this simple policy at this time and would like to expand the policy in the future. She explained that this policy must be passed by the Commission to allow the Wellness Committee to access \$10,000 in funding from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Pathways grant. Mr. Moody was answered that the Crawford County Physical Activity Policy will need to be added to the Employee Personnel Policy Handbook

**On motion (19-029)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County Physical Activity Policy as recommended by the Crawford County Wellness Committee.

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:** Mr. Pyle stated that he attended his first meeting of Kansas Association of Counties Board as representative for the Clerk's Association. He discussed rural broadband services and the task force. He stated he would like the Commissioners to be aware of the 6 items the task force is looking at and help prioritize the items to take back to the next task force meeting. Mr. Moody suggested getting ideas from businesses in the county.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle stated discussed proposed legislation changes to the 911 Fund.

**Item Three:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presenting the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,800.00. Mr. Emerson explained that Crawford County is the pass-through agent for the Emergency Shelter Grant funding and that Crawford County processes the quarterly amounts. He stated that this is basically just a draw down from the state and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly draw down for this fiscal cycle.

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**On motion (19-030)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,800.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Four:** Mr. Emerson requested the approval of purchasing cards for Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Blair with a limit of \$2,500.

**On motion (19-031)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve purchasing cards for Commissioner Jeremy Johnson and Commissioner Bruce Blair with a limit of \$2,500.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Five:** Mr. Emerson presenting a letter from Ms. Angie Hadley, RJA Program Coordinator, requesting that Mr. Steve Geier be reappointed to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional three years with a term ending January 14, 2022.

**On motion (19-032)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve reappointment of Mr. Steve Geier to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board with a term ending January 14, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Six:** Commissioner Blair stated that he has spoken with Zoning Administrator Troy Graham about Wind Turbines and potentially looking at zoning for these. He stated that Neosho County is currently dealing with zoning for wind turbines. Mr. Moody and Mr. Emerson stated that if wind turbines are put in Crawford County on unzoned property, Crawford County has no say except for what state law provides. Mr. Emerson stated that Mr. Graham has already contacted Dave Yearout on this issue and has also been attending the meetings in Neosho County on this issue. Mr. Johnson stated that this issue is being addressed in the City of Pittsburg Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Graham has also attended all those meetings.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Blair addressed the issue of the file cabinets in the hall on the first floor. Mr. Pyle stated that the cabinets were offered to all the Courthouse offices.

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The Commissioners suggested resending the offer and extend the offer to any county offices outside the courthouse to get that area cleaned up.

**Item Eight:** Commissioner Johnson addressed the back-tax sales. Mr. Emerson stated that a sale took place in October and he is currently working on finishing up the deeds for that sale and the next sale is coming up soon, He also stated that he has a plan about the tax sales that he would like to present it to the Commissioners at a later date and it would need to be discussed in executive session.

**Item Nine:** Commissioner Moody stated that he received a letter from Mr. Kris Mengarelli, CTEC Executive Director stating that there is a seat open on the CTEC Board of Directors. Commissioner Blair agreed to serve on the board.

**On motion (19-033)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the appointment of Commissioner Bruce Blair to the CTEC Board of Directors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle readdressed the Osage Township Board Letters of Interest that he received. He said that the notice posted on the county website states that letters of interest will be accepted through the end of today. Mr. Pyle stated that he will get everything wrapped up and present it on Tuesday. He said that as of now there are 7 interested parties for 3 open positions. Mr. Clint McColm addressed the Commission and stated that he is interested in serving on the township board. Mr. McColm explained some of the issues creating the problems and Commissioner Blair stated that he is aware of the situation in the township.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle addressed the Grant funds for Special Alcohol, Historical, Elderly and Parks and Recreation. Mr. Pyle presented the criteria that need to be met for the historical museum funding which is \$25,000 per year and explained that half comes from CVB funds and the other half from the County. Mr. Pyle went over the criteria and stated that there is money for 3 museums but only 2 museums qualify at this time. The Commissioners will readdress the funding and make a decision on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle presented the numbers for the Intellectual Disabilities Funding. He stated that in the past CLASS LTD received all the funding but has changed over the last few years and the funds are divided up between 4 organizations.

**Item Four:** Mr. Moody addressed the culvert bids. He stated that there are plenty of metal culverts in stock but we need to bid out the plastic culverts.

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**On motion (19-034)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve instructing Ms. Alyssa Edwards, Road and Bridge Coordinator, to send out bid packets for plastic culverts.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

##### **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 25, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:56 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 BKW 1/25/19 11:56 AM/amended BKW 1/28/19 3:00 PM](#)