

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [SEVENTH MEETING](#)

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, [Friday, January 29, 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.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was 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 (21-037)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the [January 26, 2020](#) minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

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

Motion 21	33	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the January 22, 2020 minutes
Motion 21	34	To adopt Resolution #2021-002, a Resolution Re-Appointing Dee Hough, Bonnie Houk and David Robinson to serve on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Board and the Joint Board of Appeals with a term to run from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2024
Motion 21	35	To approve the Southeast Kansas Local Area V Workforce Chief Elected Official Board Agreement
Motion 21	36	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss Crawford County Sewer District #2 (West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street) and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:45 AM

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### 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 Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins updated the Commissioners on COVID-19. He discussed the total new cases for the week, total in isolation and total in quarantine. He stated there has been 1 new death this week. He discussed the schools' isolation and quarantine numbers. He went through the Community Gating Criteria updated 1/28/2021. He noted that there are no long-term care facilities affected at this time and the facilities have done a wonderful job in reaching this goal. He stated that Ascension Via Christi has 11 positive cases with 3 in ICU on ventilators as of today and he stated that the overall impact is still high and there are still transfer issues. Dr. Stebbins also went through the School Gating Criteria. He said that the Health Officials had a meeting with the school administrators on Monday to discuss the current KSHSAA guidelines and he discussed the school activities.

Deputy County Health Officer and County Health Director Ms. Teddi Van Kam addressed the Well Health Screenings which are set up at the Bicknell Center at PSU and the Countryside Christian Church in Pittsburg. She stated that there has been a total of 1,815 tests done through these sites with 208 total positives, 1,544 total negatives, 39 tests pending and 24 tests rejected and a 11.46% positivity rate. She also reported on the mobile van and stated that they have done a total of 515 tests with 395 total negatives, 118 total positives and 2 tests inconclusive with a 23% positivity rate and a daily positivity rate of 50%.

Ms. Van Kam and Ms. Janis Goedeke reported on vaccinations. Ms. Van Kam stated that they vaccinated 416 people yesterday at the Health Department and it went very well. Ms. Goedeke discussed the COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline and there were over 700 calls the first day and thanked County Clerk Don Pyle for assisting with the hotline. She also discussed the vaccinations held yesterday at the Health Department. She said it went very smoothly and feels that the capacity at the Health Department is around 350 and they need to look into drive-thru vaccinations. She discussed the excitement the community shows when coming in for a vaccination and the delight on their faces and how relieved they are in getting the vaccine. She stated that the vaccinations give these people hope. She wanted to make the Commissioners are aware that they are looking into a potential drive thru vaccination site, that KDHE communication is getting better and they will be receiving 600 vaccinations next week. Ms. Van Kam wanted to thank the entire staff at the health department in making everything go so smoothly.

Dr. Stebbins reported on the number of vaccinations given. He discussed distribution of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of the vaccination.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the Phases of the vaccinations and Dr. Stebbins explained the phases. Dr. Stebbins also discussed mass distributions of vaccinations.

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Mr. Michael Ehling stated that plans that are put in place with mass distribution and discussed the corroboration with Community Health. He also discussed Commissioner Blair setting up the vaccination hotline and how the people reacted to having a live person take their call. He also thanked Mr. Pyle for the making the staff available to answer the calls.

Pittsburg City Commissioner Dawn McNay stated that on behalf of Community Health she would like to invite the Commissioners and the Health Officials to a meeting where Community Health can show what they do.

### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that due to the passing of Lincoln Township Treasurer Alicia Morris the position needs to be filled. He presented a letter from the Lincoln Township Clerk Linda Morris and Township Trustee Mark Morris requesting that Ms. Jeana Kotzman be appointed to fill the vacancy of Lincoln Township Treasurer. Mr. Pyle stated that Ms. Kotzman had previously held the position of treasurer for numerous years.

**On motion (21-038)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the appointment of Jeana Kotzman as Lincoln Township Treasurer.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle discussed the COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Commissioner Blair discussed having a work session with Shop Foreman Josh Peak on Road & Bridge equipment and asked Mr. Pyle to schedule it possibly Tuesday after the regular session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: February 2, 2021** – Employee evaluations beginning at 9:00 AM.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**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 Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [January 29, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:45 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

**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.**

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