

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, July 10, 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.

The Commissioners participated in a CARES Act Funding Webinar by the office of recovery. The discussion was on direct funding projects.

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-275) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 7, 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:

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| Motion 20 | 270 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 30, 2020 minutes |
| Motion 20 | 271 | to approve the 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign |
| Motion 20 | 272 | To approve an advertisement for the employment of 3 Epi Nurses, one Nurse Practitioner and one Public Information Communications Officer and for the purchase of 2 Rapid Testing machines and supplies for the Health Department |
| Motion 20 | 273 | To follow the recommendations of the County Health Officer that Crawford County follow the Governor's Executive Order |

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| Motion 20 | 274 | To approve the June 2020 Clerk's Report as presented |
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**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Item One: State Representative Monica Murnane addressed the Commissioners and stated that Mr. Shawn Naccarato, PSU Chief Strategy Officer and herself are present today representing the Crawford County Recovery Taskforce. She stated that the local school superintendents are also present. Mr. Naccarato stated that the task force's objective is to serve as a strong structure in the advisory capacity for the Commission and all the government and entities in the Crawford County. He explained how the task force came about and the reason for creating the task force. He presented a list of the current task force members which represent municipalities, businesses, school districts and health and public welfare. He discussed the purpose of the task force and explained the subcommittees and the members of each subcommittee. There was a discussion on adding additional committee members to represent all aspects of the county. There was a discussion on the SPARK funding and ideas that the committee has.

There was a discussion on what the school districts might need before the beginning of the new school year.

On motion (20-276) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to recess the open session for a period of 5 minutes and to reconvene at 12:27 PM

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Chairman Blair called the meeting back to order.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Executive Administrator for Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services, Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners and stated that he wants to remind the public that the structure for any information requests related to COVID first goes to County Health Director Rebecca Adamson and then she will confer with County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins and Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean. Ms. Adamson shared that the communications is working well between the 3 health officials. She stated that Dr. Bean had emailed her some information that she would like to have passed on to the Commissioners. Ms. Adamson explained that Dr. Bean states that she visited with Will Morris of the Wildcat 4H earlier this week about 4H activities and the Crawford County Fair. Ms. Bean stated that she is very comfortable that the 4H's plan is in alignment with the recommendations from Dr. Stebbins and herself but stated that the 4H does not have oversight over the rodeo or demolition derby which is ran by the fair board.

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Ms. Adamson gave an update on the COVID-19 and stated that as of yesterday Crawford County has 34 COVID-19 patients in isolation and 79 cases in quarantine but these number change daily. She said that as of Wednesday Crawford County has had 294 cases per the state map but that will be updated today and that number will increase. Ms. Adamson said that the county has had 107 new cases in the last 3 weeks. Ms. Adamson stated that the rapid testing machines have been ordered. She discussed different types of testing machines. She stated that with the \$25,000 grant money received from the Kansas Health Foundation she would like to purchase testing supplies for a Sofia machine. Ms. Adamson explained that there is no cost for the machine and a 3-year contract and explained the testing that the machine can do. She said that she spoke to the hospitals this morning and Via Christi has 1 person under investigation, 3 positives cases and 1 patient on a ventilator and Girard Medical Center has none. She explained that Girard Medical Center has the capacity for 4 ventilators and Via Christi has capacity for 30 ventilators. She discussed some grants that she has applied for and some grants that are available for application. She also discussed a MOU with the Regency Inn in Pittsburg. Ms. Adamson said ads have been placed for the employees that the Commissioners approved and stated that she would also like to advertise for an LPN to assist the nurse practitioner. She explained the job duties of the Epi nurses at the Health Department. She also spoke about the Employee Health Program. The Commissioners approved Ms. Adamson advertising for an LPN position. She spoke about purchasing a mobile testing unit. Commissioner Blair asked for a listing of the questions that individuals are asked when they test positive for COVID and Ms. Adamson stated that the questions are listed on the KDHE website.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that advanced ballot applications for the primary and general election were mailed to all registered voters last week and many have been returned. He requested that the public mail those applications back as soon as possible if they would like to vote by mail and after receiving their ballots return those as soon as possible as there will be a pressure on the postal system with the influx of ballots being mailed. He explained the delay in results on election night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (20-277) 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 the County Appraiser under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 12:15 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:05 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:12 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$4,506.00. Mr. Emerson stated that this is for the 4th quarter and the final draw for this fiscal year and is for the months of April, May and June 2020.

On motion (20-278) 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 \$4,506.00 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 Three: Mr. Emerson stated that has been working with the Southeast Kansas Education Center-Greenbush in reference to the administration of the county SPARK funding. He handed out a proposal from Greenbush. He explained the Application Process, Communication, Review Process, Reporting and Evaluation, Budget and Fiscal Request, Capacity of Applicant and Project Administrator included in the proposal. Mr. Emerson stated that a contract will be drawn up.

On motion (20-279) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the proposal from Southeast Kansas Education Center-Greenbush for the Administrative and Financial Administration for the Crawford County SPARK funding.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Emerson handed out information on the Crawford County CDBG-CV Grants Program Parameters and the application for the Grant Fund Committee. He stated that Frontenac has decided to participate under the County's grant application. The Commissioners will review and re-address on Tuesday.

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Item Two: Mr. Johnson stated that he spoke with Dr. Triplett about the SEK Recycling Center Joint City/County Committee and Dr. Triplett would like 3 members from each of the County and the City of Pittsburg. Mr. Johnson stated that Dr. Triplett suggested that Jim Emerson, Don Pyle and Mr. Johnson serve as the 3 members from Crawford County.

On motion (20-280) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve having Commissioner Johnson, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Clerk Don Pyle serve on the SEK Recycling Center Joint City/County Committee.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-281) 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 for potential litigation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 1:35 PM.

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 1:25 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 1:30 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM Work session with a representative from the Arnold Group.

Item Two: July 17, 2020 – 9:30 AM Work Session with 911 Director Tim Mikrut to discuss antennas for the 911 Communication Towers.

Item Three: July 24, 2020 – 8:00 AM Work Session with County Health Director Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Bean and local school superintendents.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse in Girard is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM until further notice. The Motor Vehicle office at the Judicial Center in Pittsburg will remain closed but residents may use the drop box at the Security Desk at the Judicial Center for motor vehicle and tax payments to be processed at the courthouse.

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 [July 10, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 1:35 PM 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 by BKW 7/10/2020 1:35 PM/amended BKW 7/13/2020 2:00 PM](#)