

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Friday, July 19, 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.

Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was 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 (19-210)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 16, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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

### SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Motion 19	205	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 12, 2019 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 592037 to 592295 dated July 15, 2019 in the total amount of \$403,651.40
Motion 19	206	To approve a donation of \$250 to the Girard 10 and under All Star team to help with expenses to the Babe Ruth Regional Baseball Tournament in Dickinson, North Dakota
Motion 19	207	To adopt Resolution #2019-018, A Resolution Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan
Motion 19	208	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:54 AM
Motion 19	209	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:58 AM

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### UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

#### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Coach Tom Westhoff and players from the Pittsburg 12-Year-Old All Stars addressed the Commissioners and requested a donation to help with their expenses to play in the Midwest Region Little League Tournament in Westfield, Indiana. Mr. Westhoff stated they are taking 13 boys to the tournament. He explained that all the boys play on different traveling teams throughout the season and have come together and practiced very hard to win their games in Baxter. Mr. Westhoff stated that he also would like to wish good luck to all the area teams. Mr. Moody thanked the coaches for what they do for all the area youth. Each team member present introduced themselves and stated the position they play.

**On motion (19-211)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve a donation of \$250 to the Pittsburg 12-Year-Old All Stars to help with expenses to the Midwest Region Little League Tournament in Westfield, Indiana.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Ms. Becky Cooper, McCune/Osage Township Library, regarding their budget for 2020. Ms. Cooper stated that the Osage Township Board met with County Clerk Don Pyle on their 2020 township budget and that the township passed a resolution on June 20, 2019, capping the library levy at 3 mils and the library normally levies 4.28 mils. She stated that the board passed this resolution based on a 2006 attorney general opinion. She discussed the expenses and wages the library pay for each year. Ms. Cooper said that the township board cut \$12,000 from the library budget and added it to the fire department budget for 2020. She explained the current condition of the fire department in McCune and the amount that the fire department has in savings and stated that all of the savings is taxpayer dollars and that all the savings the library has comes from donations. She spoke about the addition the library board wants to construct. She discussed the wages the township officers are paid and that the library board is all volunteers. Ms. Cooper explained how essential the library is to the citizens of McCune and the entire township. She stated the Commissioners are the governing body over the township board and they appointed the current township board. Mr. Moody thanked the library board for what they do because it is a huge benefit for the citizens of that area. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the Commissioners have no statutory authority over the township as they are a separate entity of government. He explained that the Commissioners can appoint members to the board when there is a vacancy but they have no authority over the township budget, cannot tell them how to conduct their operations, cannot tell the township to give the library their distribution monies and cannot tell them not to pass a resolution. Ms. Cooper stated that the library board was informed that it would take over

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3 months to get an attorney general opinion on the resolution that the township board passed and that once the township budget is passed it is set in stone and the library cannot do anything after that point so their hands are tied. Mr. Pyle discussed the election of the appointed officers. Ms. Cooper thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to speak.

### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented an invoice from the Kansas Highway 69 Association for a pledge in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mr. Emerson stated that it has been a few years since the association has requested money from the county. He feels the association is still doing a good job and that it is worthwhile for the county to support the association. Mr. Moody feels the county should continue to do our part and hopefully get the work done on the south end of Pittsburg.

**On motion (19-212)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the payment for membership to the Kansas Highway 69 Association in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented a letter from Mr. Kevin Mitchelson from the Ozark Trails Council of the Boys Scouts of America thanking the Crawford County Road and Bridge Department for their work in cleaning, loading and hauling off trees and debris from the May 20, 2019 tornado at the Plagens Conservation Area on Langdon Lane. Mr. Mitchelson also thanked the County for their support of the scouting program.

### **UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Counselor Tom Moody requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (19-213)** 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 Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:43 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:43 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**NEW BUSINESS continued:**

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**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle stated that the Arma Bulldog 10 & Under Girls' Softball Team was scheduled to speak with the Commissioners today to request a donation for expenses to the World Series in Jenson Beach, Florida. He stated that he received a message that the coach had car trouble on the way to the meeting and could not make it here on time. Mr. Moody stated that since they were scheduled to come and tried to get here, he feels the Commission should support the team and make a donation.

**On motion (19-214)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve a donation of \$250 to the Arma Bulldog 10 & Under Girls' Softball Team to help with expenses to the World Series in Jenson Beach, Florida.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**The motion prevailed.**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: July 23, 2019 – 9:00 AM** Work Session on 2020 County Budget.

**Item Two: July 23, 2019** – Ms. Cristy Mitchell, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative regarding Health Insurance estimates for 2020.

**Item Three: July 30, 2019** – Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrative Director presenting FY 2020 Revised Budget and Behavioral Health Grant.

#### **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 [July 19, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:48 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

**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 7/19/19 10:48 AM/amended BKW 7/22/19 10:00 AM](#)