

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, **FIFTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, July 27, 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.  
Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were 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 (21-230)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 23, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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 21	228	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 20, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	229	To approve the Financing Lease and Base Lease between GNBANK and the Board of Commissioners, Crawford County, Kansas for improvements to real estate for remodeling to the existing building for Crawford County Fire District #1 in the amount of \$165,000 for 120 months at 2.21% interest and authorize the Chairman to sign

### **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**

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Ms. Joelle Reed Skyles addressed the Commissioners. She stated that she lives at 112 Westfield Road, Pittsburg and would like to speak about the K7 and K126 junction and how dangerous the intersection is. She discussed the stop signs at the area. Ms. Skyles stated that there was a petition submitted a few years ago after the last fatality at that intersection. She explained that KDOT stated that they would do a study and that

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has been almost 3 years ago and nothing has been done. She stated that she is asking the Crawford County Commissioners to work with KDOT to possibly get lighted stop signs that are visible in the daytime and at night at that intersection for the safety of the citizens of the county that use that road. County Counselor Jim Emerson will notify KDOT and discuss this issue. Commissioner Blair stated that the KDOT study is still on the radar and he will speak to KDOT to see what the status is.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-231)** 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 15 minutes to discuss the leave policies under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sheriff Danny Smith and to reconvene by 10:24 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 10:09 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:24 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### NEW BUSINESS

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle requested that the Commissioner approve the Crawford County 2022 Budget for publication with a hearing date set for August 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM. He stated that the 2022 proposed budget shows a reduction from last year of .144 mils. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Pyle for all hard work in preparing the budget.

**On motion (21-232)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Crawford County 2022 Budget for publication with a hearing date set for August 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented an agreement between Heartland Rural Electric Co-op and Crawford County. He explained that this is for needed for Heartland to perform utility work on a bridge that the county is working on near McCune. He explained that

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this is on a 50/50 cost share. He stated that this agreement should move the county to the finish line in getting the preliminary work done and submitting the information to KDOT and getting a bid out for the bridge work. Mr. Emerson answered Commissioner Johnson that this is allowing Heartland to move their utility lines out of the area for the bridge work to start.

**On motion (21-233)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the agreement between Heartland Rural Electric Co-op and Crawford County to perform utility work on a County right of way in the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 21 East, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair reported on a meeting that he and Mr. Emerson attended with APEX regarding the roads in that area. Commissioner Johnson stated that there is a meet and greet with the staff from APEX tonight at 7:00 PM in Hepler.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Moody stated he will be attending a Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting tonight at 6:00 PM. He will report on the meeting on Friday.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Johnson addressed road work currently being done by the Road & Bridge Crews.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship.

**On motion (21-234)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss the opioid lawsuit and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:53 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 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

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**On motion (21-235)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 Road & Bridge Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:59 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 10:49 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:59 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: July 30, 2021 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign July 2021 bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: July 30, 2021 –** Mr. Brad Stroud and members of the Pittsburg Little League 12-year-old All-Stars requesting donation for travel expenses.

**Item Three: August 10, 2021 – 8:00 AM** Work Session with Mike Bodensteiner and Greenbush regarding American Rescue Plan funding.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [July 27, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:00 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 BKW 7/27/2021 11:00 AM/amended BKW 7/29/2021 11:00 AM