

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **FIFTY-NINTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, July 28, 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.

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-305) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 24, 2020** 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 20	300	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 21, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	301	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, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Stebbins, Dr. Bean, Rebecca Adamson and Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:57 AM
Motion 20	302	To approve the Business and Not for Profit Plan as recommend by the Crawford County Recovery Task Force.
Motion 20	303	To approve initial budget for the SPARK CARES Act Funding for Crawford County with the possibility of modifications in the future
Motion 20	304	To approve the Crawford County CDBG-CV Grant Program Parameters

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MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Dr. Steve Scott, President of Pittsburg State University addressed the Commissioners. He thanked the Commissioners and the County Health Officials for all their help and guidance during this pandemic. He explained that Pittsburg State University's focus is on three things, the health and safety of the students, faculty and community, being consistent and clear and have sustainable communications plan and how to continue to help the students move forward and complete their education. He stated that on March 13, 2020 the students were sent home a week before spring break and the faculty then began to train and learn to move learning online. He stated that both the faculty and the students responded positively to the online learning. He stated that summer school was done online also. Dr. Scott explained that the university also restricted travel, put a hiring freeze in place and suspended spending as much as could be done and any spending was focused on how to respond to the pandemic. He stated that all summer camps were cancelled which resulted in thousands of people not coming to Pittsburg State. He discussed the farm show being moved to the campus and the necessity to cancel the show. Dr. Scott stated that he feels that the decisions made by the university have been on target. He spoke about the Crawford County Recovery Task Force and the University Strategic Initiatives and the work they have done. He said that on June 20, 2020 the doors to the university were opened up. He stated that they implemented a mandate on masks. He stated that the athletics teams are practicing. Dr. Scott stated that they have had infections and have isolated and quarantined. He explained that the MIAA conference has decided to delay the start of fall competitions. Dr. Scott stated that they are planning face to face instruction in the fall and classes begin on August 17, 2020. He explained the procedure and changes made for the opening of the school and the moving in on campus. He also explained the changes in class schedules. Dr. Scott spoke about the rules of Freshman living on campus, changes to these rules and the notifications that were sent out. He addressed the university's financial element to this pandemic and the SPARK funding. Dr. Scott stated that that PSU's mission is to provide transformational experiences for our students and our community. He also discussed the metrics.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Dr. Stebbins addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he wanted to thank Dr. Scott and the faculty at PSU for their hard work in managing the population, reducing risks and getting the students back to school. He stated that the health officials are working with the university at the time on a testing policy and the metrics. Dr. Stebbins updated the Commissioners on COVID-19 and stated that as of yesterday Crawford County has had a total of 373 cases, Via Christi Hospital has 3 positive cases and 4 persons under investigation with one person on a ventilator. He stated that as of yesterday there were 11 persons in isolation and 85 individuals in quarantine. He said that he and Dr. Bean attended the USD 250 Board meeting last night and the board decided on a start date of August 26, 2020 and they will meet with the other school districts as requested. Dr. Stebbins handed out the Crawford County Return to School Recommendations for School Administrators that was created by the Crawford County Public Health Offices. He went through the recommendations with the Commissioners. He explained that the guidelines include information per the Kansas

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State Governor's Executive Order No. 20-59 and that it is an executive order that cannot be changed except at the Commissioners' level and discussed some of the changes the health officials are requesting. He discussed the different age groups of students and mask wearing. He also discussed social distancing, hand hygiene and temperature checks in the schools. County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the authority the Board of County Commissioners as the County Board of Health has to overturn the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-59 and make a new order. He stated that he believes the county is on solid ground to make a new order and explained what will need to be done. Mr. Emerson stated that the recommendations presented by Dr. Stebbins will need to put in the form of an order. Dr. Stebbins explained that if the current data changes then the recommendations could change and explained what data could change. Commissioner Blair asked if it would be possible to have the health department give the students training on the proper use of face masks and Dr. Stebbins stated that it could be done and County Health Director Rebecca Adamson suggested posters in each class room or having videos showing the proper use of the face mask. Ms. Adamson discussed videos that are available. Ms. Adamson discussed the hiring of the epi nurses.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Mr. Terry Sercer, CPA with Diehl Banwart Bolton CPAs PA discussed the 2019 County Audit. He reviewed the auditor's report included in the bound audit and explained the revenues, expenses and cash balances. He said that Crawford County is in compliance with all state statutes and there were no violations of Kansas Statutes. He stated that due to Crawford County receiving federal aid additional audit work was done for federal requirements and there were no findings or questioned costs with federal funds. Mr. Sercer discussed subsequent events due to the COVID-19.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presenting an application for a 2020 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Whitney Black to allow her to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event (Crawford County Fair) during the dates beginning at 4:00 PM on July 28, 2020 and ending at 11:59 PM on August 1, 2020. Mr. Pyle stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and all responded that they had no issue with this application.

On motion (20-306) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

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APPLICANT: Whitney Black

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand at Fairgrounds)

DATE: Beginning at 4:00 PM on July 28, 2020 and ending at 11:59 PM on August 1, 2020. (For consumption on the premises)

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle stated that the Primary Election will be held August 4, 2020 and today is the last day that advanced ballots can be sent out by mail. Mr. Pyle discussed the Post-Election Audit which will be held on August 6, 2020. He stated that the canvassing of the 2020 Primary Election Results will be on August 11, 2020.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody asked about the gaming revenue received from Kansas Crossing Casino and Mr. Emerson stated that this month the County received approximately \$24,000 which is a good amount due to the casino being closed for a while due to the pandemic.

Item Four: Commissioner Moody discussed the application for the CDGB CV funds. Mr. Emerson explained that there are 2 projects right now, the SPARK funding and the CDBG CV and the information on the SPARK funding and the application is on the county website now. He stated that he would like to get the CDBG-CV application approved today and available on the website today. The Commissioners decided to set an application deadline date of August 31, 2020.

On motion (20-307) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the CDGB CV application with an application deadline of August 31, 2020.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair discussed the 2nd round of funding for the SPARK funding. Mr. Pyle stated that there are some Webinars coming up with details on the second round of funding.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that he will contact Craw-Kan to touch base on the new phone system for the Courthouse.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson asked about in person voting for the election and Mr. Pyle stated that there will be early voting at the Homer Cole Center on Friday, July 31

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and Saturday August 1 and he will issue a press release in the newspaper to make the public aware of the early voting site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (20-308) 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 15 minutes to discuss the applications for the Public Information Officer under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:45 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 11:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

The Commissioners decided to begin the Regular Session on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 8:30 AM and go into executive session until 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Moody stated that he will attend a Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting tonight.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 28, 2020 – Work Session on the 2020 County Budget after the Regular session.

Item Two: July 31, 2020 – The Regular Session will begin at 8:30 AM with an executive session to conduct interviews from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM.

Item Three: July 31, 2020 – Fence Viewing at 1:00 PM located in the 400 South Block of 270th Street. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

Item Four: August 7, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing to vacate a platted street in Katie Add to Dunkirk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: August 4, 2020 – Primary Election Day. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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Item Two: 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 28, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:50 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.

Don Pyle

County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken by BKW 7/28/2020 11:50 AM/amended BKW 7/30/2020 12:10 PM](#)