

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, **SIXTIETH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, July 31, 2020 8:30 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.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** Chairman Blair requested an executive session for 90 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (20-309)** 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 90 minutes to conduct interviews for the Public Information Officer under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Health Director Rebecca Adamson and candidates for the position of PIO and to reconvene by 10:00 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 8:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:00 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (20-310)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **July 28, 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:

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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 | 305 | That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the July 24, 2020 minutes   |
| Motion 20 | 306 | To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail", cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application 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) |
| Motion 20 | 307 | To approve the CDGB CV application with an application deadline of August 31, 2020   |
| Motion 20 | 308 | 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  |

### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

**Item One:** County Health Director Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. She stated that as of Wednesday on the KDHE website Crawford County has had 375 total cases and currently have 18 in isolation, 86 in quarantine and over 300 pending results. She said that Via Christi currently has no positive cases, 2 persons under investigation and no COVID patients on a ventilator and Girard Medical Center has no positives, no PUIs and no cases on a ventilator. She discussed the age groups of positive cases and the age groups affected by the virus. She also discussed testing result times. Commissioner Johnson asked about the rapid testing machines and Ms. Adamson stated they have been ordered but not received yet.

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from Southeast Kansas Regional Education Service Center, Greenbush addressed the Commissioners in reference to SPARK funding. He stated that they received some guidance on the issue of nonpublic schools and those schools can apply for funding as a public school. He also stated that Phase 2 is on the way and he is encouraging the county to start working on this. He reported on information that was received on not for profits. Mr. Bodensteiner explained what Crawford County needs to focus on now. County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed sending up front money and getting MOUs from the recipients. Mr. Bodensteiner

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discussed sorting out applicants and the screening process. He stated that Crawford County has the right blend of applications. Ms. Dawn Flores from Greenbush explained the different reports on applications for SPARK funding and stated that these reports are available to the Commissioners. Mr. Bodensteiner discussed the CDGB CV and the SPARK Funding programs and stated there is some confusion between the two grants. Ms. Flores discussed the applications and stated that so far 70 applications have been received and explained the percentages by area, type of business and other areas of interest. Commissioner Johnson addressed businesses duplicating requests. Mr. Bodensteiner and Mr. Emerson discussed Phase II of the SPARK funding and Mr. Emerson stated that Crawford County will be receiving more funds from Phase II.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson addressed the guidelines for schools discussed by the health officials and local school superintendents. He stated that the guidelines have to be drafted into an order to allow for the relaxation of mask rules for lower grades from the governor's executive order. He explained that he would like to put a hold on the order until further research can be done on the Commissioners' authority to vary the governor's order. Mr. Emerson stated that the governor's order does not take effect until August 11, 2020. Mr. Emerson will readdress this on August 11.

**Item Two:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that early voting in person is open at the Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM today and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday.

**Item Three:** Mr. Johnson addressed the CDBG CV committee and stated that 4 applications have been received and the deadline to apply for the committee is today. Mr. Emerson stated that the application for funding is on the website. The Commissioners will discuss the committee applications on Friday.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle handed out an updated copy of the 2020 County Budget for their review.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson addressed the polls on election day and Mr. Pyle stated that 13 polling locations will be open. He explained that a couple of polling locations were closed and those voters are being sent to another polling location mainly due to social distancing and one polling location was moved to a better location also due to social distancing. Mr. Pyle stated that any voter that has questions of where to vote can call the election office or they can also go to the Secretary of State's website at [ksvotes.org](http://ksvotes.org) voter view and input their name and date of birth and that will show the voter their polling location and the voter can also track their advance ballot. Mr. Pyle also discussed the procedures for safety for the voters and the workers that will take place at the polls.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

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

**On motion (20-311)** 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 Public Information Officer position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Health Director Rebecca Adamson and to reconvene by 11:30 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 11:15 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:30 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

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

**Item Two: August 4, 2020** – The Board of Commissioners regular session is cancelled.

**Item Three:** 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 31, 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.

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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 7/31/2020 11:50 AM/amended BKW 8/5/2020 12:05 PM](#)**