

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2019, FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS Tuesday, July 9, 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.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Players from the Frontenac 9 and under All Star Team led the pledge of allegiance.

### UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion (19-200)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 2, 2019 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 19	195	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 28, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	196	To make it known that the board hereby issues a license to "sell at retail" cereal malt beverages from the place of business as shown in the application APPLICANT: George C Brown Post 26 "Girard American Legion Stand Fairgrounds" PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS DATE: Beginning at 8:00 AM on July 31, 2019 and ending at 11:59 PM on August 3, 2019 (For consumption on the premises)
Motion 19	197	To approve the June 2019 Clerk's Report as presented
Motion 19	198	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

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Motion 19	199	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 and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:08 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 THE PUBLIC**

**Item One:** Mr. Mark Coomes, Coach, Frontenac 9 and under All Star Team addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Coomes stated that the team has qualified to attend the state tournament in Harper, Kansas from July 11th-14<sup>th</sup> and requested a donation from the Commissioners to help with traveling expenses. Mr. Coomes had the members of the team that were present introduce themselves and state their positions on the team.

**On motion (19-201)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve a \$250 donation to the Frontenac 9 and under All Star Team to help with expenses to the State Tournament in Harper, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

#### **MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**Item One:** Ms. Becky Cooper, McCune/Osage Township Library addressing the relationship between the Osage Township Board and Library. Ms. Cooper stated that Ms. Martha Parsons is also present. She said that there is a conflict between the Osage Township Board and the Library Board. She explained that she is coming to the Commissioners since the Osage Township board members were not elected by vote but appointed by the Commissioners. She stated that the library has not asked for any additional budget monies and has given the librarian a salary increase. Ms. Cooper said that the township board is requesting that the library do a statutory audit and provide the funds for the audit which is approximately \$1,200. She explained that this amount is twice the amount of their annual audit. Ms. Cooper stated that the library has not received their allocation check that the township received in June and that the January allocation money was not given to the library until April after the township board was advised that they could not withhold the library's funds. She addressed a statute that is quoted in the Kansas Public Library Trustee's Manual and discussed the township trustee being an ex-officio library board member. Ms. Cooper stated that she is not sure if this means that the trustee has just one vote as a library board member. County Clerk Don Pyle stated he has been in contact with Mr. Roger Basinger from the Department of Administration at the State of Kansas and Mr. Basinger stated that from his findings he believes that the

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township cannot withhold the library's funds and cannot control the library funds. Ms. Cooper stated that there are 5 members on the library board and Ms. Cherie Schenker, Osage Township Trustee is number 6. She stated that the library does an audit each year, which is not required and the library board does not feel they should have to pay the \$1,200 for a statutory audit. She stated that the library receives donations which are in a savings account and are used as a fill in when the budget money does not cover expenses. Ms. Cooper stated that the library is wanting to know if the statute quoted in the manual means that the township trustee has one vote as a library board member. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that he needs to research the statute. Commissioner Moody stated that Mr. Emerson will look over the statute and give an opinion and will get in contact with Ms. Cooper. Mr. Emerson stated that he wants to make it clear to Ms. Cooper and he has also told the township trustee that he is not their attorney and cannot tell them what to do and he can only give an opinion. Commissioner Johnson was answered that the library sets their budget and gives it to the township and the township includes it the township budget. Commissioner Blair asked if the library is willing to do the statutory audit and Ms. Cooper answered yes but they do not feel the library should have to pay for it. Ms. Cooper discussed the issue of the Osage Township Fire Department and the township requesting the library give the fire department their allotment checks. Ms. Cooper thanked the Commissioners for listening.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Commissioner Moody stated that Mr. Robert Gorentz, Maintenance Supervisor and Mr. Coby Hinton, Sewer Operator were on the agenda to discuss issues with Crawford County Sewer District #2. Mr. Moody stated that he spoke to Mr. Gorentz before the meeting and Mr. Gorentz stated that the issues with the sewer district are currently being worked on and he has nothing to report to the Commissioners at this time. Mr. Emerson stated that at this time some background work is being done on the bills, looking into an additional smoke test and checking areas to be capped or hooked up. Mr. Gorentz and Ms. Hinton will return to address this issue at a later date when they have more information to give the Commissioners.

### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that Mr. Rick Pfeiffer has requested to meet with the Commissioners along with Mr. Dwight Brennfoerder, architect, to discuss the new Addiction Treatment Center on August 6, 2019. The Commissioners decided to schedule a work session on August 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM to meet with Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Brennfoerder. Mr. Pyle will contact Mr. Pfeiffer and schedule the work session.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle addressed an invitation to the Imagine Pittsburg Board Summit on August 14, 2019, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Frisco Event Center in Pittsburg. Mr. Johnson stated that he had been a member of this board while on the Pittsburg City Commission and that their work has helped several areas in Pittsburg.

**Item Three:** Mr. Pyle stated that Ryan Insurance is requesting to meet with the Commissioners on July 16, 2019 to review claims for the last quarter. The

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Commissioners requested that they be put on the regular agenda as there is a work session scheduled for that day at 9:00 AM on the 2020 County Budget.

**Item Four:** Mr. Johnson addressed county roads and asked how are they prioritized for maintenance. Mr. Moody stated that usually there is a traffic count done and it is up to each district to prioritize their roads. Mr. Blair stated that life expectancy is also an issue since a road might not have as much traffic but the road needs work to be saved. Mr. Moody suggested that Mr. Johnson have his road foreman contact Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano.

### UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**Item One: July 12, 2019 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign July mid-month bill and payroll vouchers.

**Item Two: July 12, 2019 – 9:00 AM** Work Session on 2020 County Budget.

#### 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 9, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:38 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 BKW 7/9/19 10:38 AM/amended BKW 7/11/19 8:30 AM](#)