

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, July 9, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioner Bruce Blair was in attendance and Commissioner Jeremy Johnson was in attendance via Zoom.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board. Vice-Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (21-206) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the July 2, 2021 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:

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	199	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 29, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	200	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 20 minutes to discuss County Health Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, Dr. Tim Stebbins, Ms. Teddi Van Kam, Ms. Heidi Moody and Mr. Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:53 AM
Motion 21	201	To approve appointing Dr. Tim Stebbins as medical officer and consulting health officer on a reduced time basis and appointing Ms. Teddi Van Kam as the Crawford County Health Officer and Health Director as recommended by Executive Administrator Mr. Michael Ehling
Motion 21	202	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Road & Bridge

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		personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano and to reconvene by 11:15 AM
Motion 21	203	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Real Estate owned by Mid-America Properties of Pittsburg LLC and to abate the amount of \$12,011.56 from the 2018 tax rolls and the amount of \$12,080.28 from the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	204	To approve the June 2021 Clerk’s Report as presented
Motion 21	205	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 landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:53 AM

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

Item One: County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 update. The Commissioners received the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 7/9/2021. She stated that the County is back in the red due to the increase in new cases. She went through the gating criteria. She explained that so far this week there are 69 new cases and that is not including today and tomorrow’s outcome and there were already new cases coming in this morning. She stated that there has been an increase in testing this week and there have been 5 deaths in the last 10 days. She addressed the Delta Variant and stated that it is not more virulent but is a lot more transmissible and it is in Crawford County. She explained that the Delta Variant is spreading through the unvaccinated individuals and the deaths have been unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people. Commissioner Moody was answered that Crawford County is at 50% of the population being vaccinated and there are people still coming in to get vaccinated through the Health Department, Community Health and the pharmacies. Ms. Van Kam stated that she would like to make a plea today to those people in the county that are unvaccinated to really think about it and this is because as health care providers, they care about people and want to be able to help them. She stated that none of the Health Care workers want to see anymore deaths. Commissioner Moody asked if the Commissioners can help in any way and Ms. Van Kam stated that possibly the Commissioners could state their support of vaccinations as vaccinating is the only thing that can make a change and the only recourse the health officials have. Commissioner Blair stated that those who don’t believe in the vaccine need to live accordingly and try to protect others. Commissioner Blair asked about the symptoms of the Delta Variant and Ms. Van Kam stated that the symptoms are about the same and a lot of people complain of allergy symptoms and others have GI effects. She stated that if people are having these symptoms, get tested and to call the Health Department and arrangements will be made to be tested and it is a very simple process. She stated that CHC, hospitals and urgent cares are also testing. Ms. Van Kam stated that Ascension Via Christi has 9 positive admissions with 1 on a ventilator and Girard Medical Center has 1 positive admission and both hospitals are giving the antibody infusions. Commissioner Moody was answered that if a

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person is vaccinated or have had the natural disease they do not have to quarantine if they come into contact with a positive case. She explained that they have had some breakthrough cases but those cases are having very mild symptoms and not being hospitalized and if you have been vaccinated and are having symptoms you need to be tested. Commissioner Blair was answered that Ms. Van Kam feels that the Health Department is adequately staffed but she is looking into additional contact tracers. Ms. Van Kam stated that she will attend the Commission meeting next week for an update.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the IKE Program through KDOT and stated that the K7 Project was announced yesterday. He presented the Commissioners with information on the project in Crawford County and in Bourbon County and explained the cost estimates, the state contribution, the distance, the scope and the construction letting on each project. He also presented information on a 3rd project on US 400 Highway in Cherokee County and explained that project.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson stated Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from Greenbush would like a work session with the Commissioner on July 20, 2021 at 9:30 AM to discuss American Rescue Act funding. The Commissioners agreed to the work session.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-207) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:43 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 10:28 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:41 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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 (21-208) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to

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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 landfill contract and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:57 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 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: July 13, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Ryan Insurance to discuss work comp, property and casualty claims.

Item Two: July 16, 2021 – Ms. Mary Kay Caldwell addressing Pawprints on the Heartland.

Item Three: July 20, 2021 – 9:30 AM Work Session with Mr. Mike Bodensteiner from Greenbush to discuss the 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 9, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:50 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 7/09/2021 10:50 AM/amended BKW 7/12/2021 11:30 AM