

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, June 16, 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 (20-250)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 12, 2020** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 598968 to 599240 dated June 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$415,638.76.

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	246	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 9, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	247	To approve the Authorized Signature Form for the Community Development Block Grant CV Program
Motion 20	248	To approve the State of Kansas Grant Agreement No. 20-CV-014 between the State of Kansas Department of Commerce and Crawford County and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 20	249	To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Crawford County, Kansas and the City of Pittsburg, Kansas on the storm siren in Chicopee and authorize the Chairman to sign

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### **UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**

#### **PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**

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

#### **MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Item One:** Ms. Rebecca Adamson, County Health Officer, regarding COVID-19 update. Ms. Adamson discussed the local meat processing plant that had an outbreak of positive COVID-19 cases and stated that the plant contacted her and said they were willing to test all employees. She said that State Representative Monica Murnan helped by making calls to the plant officials and to KDHE in reference to processing the tests. She explained how many tests were conducted on Friday and Saturday and the procedure followed to do the testing. Ms. Adamson said that the plant is being very cooperative and were closed all weekend and Monday and opened up this morning with a skeleton crew of employees that tested negative. She stated that some of the employees do not live in Southeast Kansas and she does not have an exact count of employees tested from Crawford County. She said that KDHE is helping with contact tracing and the lab is still working on testing. Commissioner Moody discussed his concerns with the public being aware of what is taking place right now with the outbreak and with following the recommendations of the Ad Astra plan. Ms. Adamson stated that there does not seem to be any severely ill cases during this outbreak and not all had symptoms or very few symptoms. She stated that she has spoken to the hospitals and they are not overburdened and they have no positive cases in the ICU. She stated that Crawford County has plenty of testing supplies and contact tracing is going well. She spoke about how any out of state positive cases are routed from KDHE to the appropriate health department in that state and that state investigates those cases. Commissioner Blair asked about the policy the plant may have with contacted parties being quarantined and Ms. Adamson explained the procedure the plant is using on this issue. Commissioner Johnson discussed the Board of Health implementing restrictions due to the outbreak and Ms. Adamson stated that it is up to the Board of Health to place restrictions if they wish but the issue is enforcement. She stated that she is following the 4 metrics put in place by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the main hesitation she has in placing restrictions in being able to enforce the restrictions. Commissioner Johnson stated that the Board of Health needs to be prepared in case the 4 metrics can't be met. Ms. Adamson stated that she is happy that the positive cases are all recovering at home and not severely ill. Commissioner Blair asked about recovery time and Ms. Adamson explained the protocol that is followed if ill and if contacted. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that there was a request from the county website for Ms. Adamson to speak about summer schooling and educational groups. Ms. Adamson stated that some schools have already started summer school and they are keeping classes small, social distancing and having the children wear masks if old enough. She stated that there is no order in place so the schools are going to have to make their own decisions. Her recommendation is to limit large groups of people as much as possible and to wash hands frequently, social distance and wear masks.

The Commissioners and Ms. Adamson thanked Sheriff Smith for his department's help with traffic control at the testing site this weekend.

#### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

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### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Item One:** Ms. Susan Galemore, SEK Regional Planning Commission discussed the CDBG-CV funding that the county was awarded. Ms. Galemore discussed a basic plan that the Commissioners might want to follow and stated that she also made a supplement for the application. She stated that she will email County Counselor Jim Emerson a basic sample plan, a check list, the application, a supplement and an employee certification form which will need to be accompanied by an employee payroll report and any invoices to support the request for funds. There was a discussion on the City of Frontenac's eligibility under the county plan or being funded on a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding if there is one and Ms. Galemore will follow up on this issue. Ms. Galemore stated that until a local plan is in place the applications should not be available to the businesses. She said to focus on a plan first, get it finalized and in place and approved by the County Commissioners. She went through some of the guidelines listed in the grant. Commissioner Johnson asked about the review committee and Ms. Galemore stated that decision is totally up to the Commissioners and a committee is not required but she feels it is a good step to take. She discussed some requirements for invoices and copies of checks from the businesses. Mr. Emerson informed Ms. Galemore that the bank forms have been given to the County Treasurer for completion.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle stated that the Census Mailer bids will be opened on Friday.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he attended a Zoom meeting that Representative Monica Murnan organized with state and local KDOT staff, City of Pittsburg staff and the Highway 69 Association. He spoke about the discussion of the meeting and was just an informational meeting to catch everyone up on the history of this project and to understand KDOT's position on this project. Mr. Johnson stated that KDOT indicated that they would not fund the entire Hwy 69 bypass for over \$300 million. He added that they might be able to fund smaller projects that make improvements to the current bypass and expand it. Sheriff Smith discussed the issues with some of the intersections on the Pittsburg bypass and that they could be made safer. It was also discussed that KDOT is still looking at making improvements in Highway 69 from Highway 400 to Interstate 44. Mr. Johnson said that he felt it was a good meeting because it helped all of the local stakeholders to understand what to expect in future funding for Highway 69.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that there will be a meeting with Justin Shaffer from Craw-Kan and department heads and elected officials on a new phone system for the Courthouse on Thursday possibly at 9:00 AM. He will inform the Commissioners when a definite time is set.

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**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson stated that the sanitation service bids and the census mailer bids will be opened on Friday.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**Item One: June 19, 2020** – Work Sessions with Department Heads regarding 2021 Budget Requests beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Item Two: June 19, 2020** – Opening of bids for the Census Mailer Project and Opening of bids for trash service at county buildings.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One:** 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 [June 16, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:06 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 6/16/2020 11:06 AM/amended BKW 12:15 PM](#)