

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Friday, June 25, 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 Jeremy Johnson served as the presiding officer.  
Commissioners Tom Moody and Bruce Blair were in attendance.  
County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**On motion (21-191)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **June 22, 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	189	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 18, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	190	To approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Pommier as Washington Township Trustee to replace Ms. Laurie Graham who has moved out of the township

### 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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

#### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

#### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

**Item One:** Mr. Mac Young, District Court Administrator addressed the District Court FY2022 Budget. Mr. Young presented copies of the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Annual Budget

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for FY2022. He said that he is requesting the same monies as this year. He went through the budget with the Commissioners. Commissioner Johnson asked about conflicts of interest with legal defense and Mr. Young explained situations that could create the conflicts of interest. County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Young explained the contract attorneys. Mr. Young also addressed the amounts requested for jury trials, interpreters and computer equipment and services. He also discussed the keyed doors and issues with the keys and possibly putting in a key card entry system on the exterior doors.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle discussed meeting with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative Cristy Mitchell for a health insurance review. The Commissioners scheduled a work session for 9:00 AM on July 9, 2021. He also discussed meeting with Ryan Insurance to discuss claim reports. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM with Ryan Insurance to discuss work comp, property & casualty claims.

**Item Two:** Mr. Pyle discussed a weatherization assistance program that was previously available through SEK-CAP and is now available through South Central Kansas Economic Development District for area residents. He stated that he received an information pamphlet and applications for assistance from SCKEED.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Blair discussed repairs to Highway 7. He stated that he attended a KDOT meeting on Highway 7 on Tuesday and explained what repairs will be taking place on that highway and stated that it will be a huge improvement but will take quite a while to complete. Sheriff Danny Smith addressed the issues with the road and accidents that take place on the highway.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Blair stated that he attended a Chamber Coffee this morning and the gazebo and a farmers' market on the square in Girard were discussed in this meeting and he wanted to be sure the gazebo is in good shape.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS continued

**Item Two:** IT Director Brandon Spaur addressed the Commissioners and presented a final bid for the server upgrade and backups from Craw-Kan. He explained that some of the equipment is on back order so a time line is difficult. He stated that the primary project is to get the backups in two locations. He explained that the new server will be located in the Courthouse and the server that is currently at the Courthouse will be moved to the Health Department and will serve as the disaster recovery server. Mr. Spaur stated that this will also allow RJA's and the Health Department's servers to be brought into our building and the capability of doing their backups.

**On motion (21-192)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the bid from Craw-Kan in the amount of \$59,400 for server upgrades and backups and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

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**The motion prevailed.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle stated that he would like to review the first draft of the budget with the Commissioners. He explained some issue with utility values for Evergy and would like to get those numbers input before printing the first draft. The Commissioners decided to hold a work session immediately after the Regular Session today to review the first draft of the 2022 County Budget.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair stated that he received a call from Jeff Spangler on the Jayhawk Wind project and Mr. Spangler would like to invite the Commissioners to come and tour the progress of the project as well as road improvements.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship.

**On motion (21-193)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 20 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, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Mr. Pete Peterson via telephone call and to reconvene by 10:58 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 10:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:58 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-194)** 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 10 minutes to discuss Road and Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:10 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 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:08 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**Item One: June 25, 2021** – Work Session immediately after the Regular Session to review the first draft of the 2022 County Budget.

**Item Two: June 29, 2021 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign June bills and payroll vouchers.

**Item Three: June 29, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Budget Work Session.

**Item Four: July 9, 2021 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with Blue Cross & Blue Shield Representative Cristy Mitchell to discuss health insurance review.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: July 5, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

**Item Two: July 6, 2021** – The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners in cancelled due to the Independence Day Holiday on Monday.

### 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 [June 25, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:12 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 6/25/2021 11:12 AM/amended BKW 6/28/2021 11:30 AM](#)