

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2020, FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, Tuesday, June 30, 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 (20-267)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the June 26, 2020 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 20	265	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the June 23, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	266	To accept the low bid from McClelland Sanitation Inc for the sanitation services at all Crawford County building locations and the bid from Short's Trash Service for 30 and 40 yard dumpster services

### 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**

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**Item One:** Mr. Michael Ehling, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health & Juvenile Services addressed the Commissioners. He said that he received an email this morning from Osawatomie State Hospital that stated that they have 4 staff members and 1 patient that are COVID-19 positive so the admissions to the hospital are suspended at this time. Mr. Ehling stated that they have worked out a good communication system between County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean, Health Director Rebecca Adamson and himself.

Dr. Stebbins stated that per the KDHE website, Crawford County has 256 positive cases of COVID-19. He stated that on last Wednesday there were 220 positive cases, Friday 246 cases and yesterday 256 cases. He said that the governor is going to put out an executive order regarding masks that will come out Thursday and he has not seen the order yet. He explained that he is not sure if the County Board of Health has to follow these orders or if they can make their own recommendations and he would like to see this order before discussing any changes. Dr. Stebbins stated that he highly encourages mask wearing in all social gatherings. He discussed surge capacity in the local hospitals and reported that we have a lot of bed capacity and ventilators available for Girard Medical Center and Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg. He stated that the county is not near surge capacity and Via Christi has 7 positive patients and 5 persons under investigation as of today. Commissioner Blair asked in general how the positive patients are being treated and Dr. Stebbins explained how the disease attacks the lungs and stated that most patients can be treated with supplemental oxygen and not a ventilator and the recovery time in our area has been from a couple of days to a couple of weeks. He explained the challenges and recovery time with long term ventilator cases but stated that the county has not encountered that yet. Dr. Stebbins discussed the overall capacity of the hospitals and the surge plan. He stated that the hospital representatives would be willing to report to the Commissioners on their surge plan. He discussed that he looks more at weekly trends on the number of cases in the county. Dr. Stebbins stated that the message has got to be understood by the public that safety precautions such as hand sanitizing, face masks and social distancing must be done to slow this virus down. He stated that no one wants COVID-19 and the safety precautions are an easy step to take.

The Commissioners scheduled a work session with Dr. Stebbins, Dr. Bean, Rebecca Adamson and Michael Ehling in reference to a plan for the COVID-19 on July 7, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Crawford County Health Director Rebecca Adamson stated that the Health Department has extended WIC meetings via phone through the end of September. She stated that the department is still open for immunizations and other services and they are still doing COVID-19 testing and the Community Health Center is still doing the drive thru testing. She stated that there are still several hundred test results pending and discussed the reasons for the trend in testing. Ms. Adamson explained that KDHE is still recommending testing if an individual has 2 of the symptoms. She stated that KDHE wants to test 2% of the population every month. She said that if someone does want to be tested, she would like them to call before they come in for testing. She discussed antibody testing. She discussed a grant that was awarded to the Health Department on testing and some other grants she will be applying for and the deadline for the grants. She also discussed contact tracing and stated that there have not been any big issues on the

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isolation and quarantine orders and they have not had to involve law enforcement. She discussed the steps that would be taken if there would be an outbreak in a business and the investigation process of a positive person and their contacts.

Dr. Stebbins discussed flattening of the curve and development of a vaccine for the virus.

### **MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Jerald W. Gobl and to request an abatement from the 2016 tax rolls, the 2017 tax rolls and the 2018 tax rolls. Mr. Pyle explained that this vehicle has been taxed in Bourbon County since 2016.

**On motion (20-268)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of Personal Property owned by Jerald W. Gobl and to request an abatement in the amount of \$34.06 from the 2016 tax rolls, \$30.00 from the 2017 tax rolls and \$30.00 from the 2018 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson discussed the COVID-19 direct funding through the CARES ACT. He stated that statewide the amount is around \$400M and Crawford County's portion of the funds is approximately \$7.8M and that there a lot of rules, paperwork and administration that go with receiving the money. He explained that the first step is to pass a Resolution and then there are some additional steps to take before receiving the money. He stated that the money should come in around July 15, 2020 and then to figure out how the money is to be spent and if not spent the money will be sent back to the state to be reused in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds. Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2020-011, A Resolution regarding the SPARK Taskforce's proposal and by signing the Resolution, the county will be responsible for the money and how it is allocated, spent and reported back to the state. He explained the resolution and discussed the dates for reconciliation and said that the goal is to get as much of the money spent at the local level and any unspent funds will go back to the state for other rounds. He stated that in the Zoom Meeting on Friday, the counties were encouraged to hire an outside firm to manage the money and complete the paperwork and he is looking into that issue.

**On motion (20-269)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #2020-011, A Resolution regarding the SPARK Taskforce proposal.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

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Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

Mr. Emerson handed out some documentation that was discussed in the ZOOM meeting on the CARES Act with KAC and the SPARK Task Force that was held last Friday. He went through the documents with the Commissioners. He explained the listing of the county allocations, distinguishing expenditures, ideas for county investments, the next key steps for the counties to take, eligible CRF expenditures and ineligible CRF expenditures. Mr. Emerson explained that everything will be sent to the cities and school districts in the county.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody discussed the letter from the SEK Recycling Center in reference to the joint city county board for funding and Commissioner Johnson stated that he stills need to get into contact with Dr. Triplett on this issue.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Johnson stated that he met with Crawford County Recovery Task Force Government Relations Subcommittee and they discussed the documents that Mr. Emerson presented earlier. He explained what the subcommittee discussed in the meeting and their ideas for uses of the funding.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Blair discussed the Governor's executive order and the Commissioners stated that they will follow the recommendations of Dr. Stebbins and through the weekend the governor's order will be in effect and then the issue will be readdressed in Tuesday's meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item One:** Mr. Pyle discussed the 2021 budget and went through a work sheet with all the 2021 requests and the 2020 budget amounts. He stated that Blue Cross and Blue Shield Representative Cristy Mitchell will be getting health insurance estimates for next year to him within the next couple of weeks. The Commissioners will review the worksheet.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: July 7, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work Session with County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins, Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Linda Bean, Health Department Director Ms. Rebecca Adamson and Mental Health Executive Director Mr. Michael Ehling regarding future COVID-19 plans.

**Item Two: July 7, 2020 –** Ms. Brooke Powell, Safehouse Executive Director presenting the Emergency Solutions Grant Application

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**Item Three: July 10, 2020** – Fence Viewing at 11:30 AM located in the 400 South Block of 270<sup>th</sup> Street. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

**Item Four: July 14, 2020 – 9:00 AM** Work session with a representative from the Arnold Group.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: July 3, 2020** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday and the Regular Session on that day will be cancelled.

**Item Two:** 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 30, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:22 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 6/30/2020 11:22 AM/amended BKW 7/2/2020 9:00 AM](#)