

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, **EIGHTEENTH** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, March 12, 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 (21-078)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 9, 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	74	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 5, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	75	To approve the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Aid to Local Grants Application and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 21	76	To approve the purchase of an OHD QuantiFit2 Respirator Kit Testing System in the amount of \$10,110.00, to be used by all the fire departments in the county
Motion 21	77	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to security measures if the discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures that protect specific systems, facilities or equipment to discuss cybersecurity and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:45 AM

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## 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 Officials with a COVID-19 update. Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam spoke about the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 3/12/2021 and stated there are no red or orange categories in the gating criteria this week. She went through the Community Gating Criteria and the School K-12 Gating Criteria. She stated that the Health Department continues to do vaccination clinics and are still collaborating with CHC. Ms. Van Kam discussed the number of vaccination doses given. Commissioner Moody was answered that the Health Department is still receiving vaccination doses and are actually receiving more than in the prior weeks.

County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins addressed the Commissioners and stated that the Health Department has to follow the Governor's guidance as far as the vaccination phases and he feels it is reasonable in the way it is being done. He stated that Crawford County has been very successful in moving through Phase 1 & Phase 2. He stated that he will be making a phone call to the state today to discuss beginning Phase 3. He discussed vaccinating in Phase 2. He discussed vaccination for the second doses and the distribution of the vaccines. He briefly discussed the gating criteria.

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

**Item One:** Mr. Bill Brady, Capitol Strategies, via Zoom with a legislative update. He introduced his business partner, Mr. Shawn Miller who was also present via Zoom. He gave some information on his company Capitol Strategies. He stated that the legislature has finished the 9<sup>th</sup> week of the session and have completed turnaround. He gave dates of the rest of the session and the recess. He discussed some of the bills being heard at the state legislature. Ms. Miller discussed tax bills with the Commissioners. The Commissioner thanked Mr. Brady and Mr. Miller for their update. County Clerk Don Pyle stated that State Senator Hilderbrand sent an email that stated that he would be involved in some meetings at the capitol this morning.

**Item Two:** District # 3 State Representative Chuck Smith addressed the Commissioners. He discussed Senate Bill 13 and also 69 Highway improvements. He discussed the number of jobs available in the state. He spoke about the Governor's authority with COVID-19. He discussed other issues being addressed in the state legislature.

**Item Three:** District #2 State Representative Ken Collins addressed the Commissioner via Zoom. He stated that County Clerk Don Pyle sent him a list of bills that were a concern to the county and said that Mr. Miller covered those bills very well. He appreciated the opportunity to have a list of the concerns to be able to look over and research. He addressed high energy costs especially due to the extreme cold weather this month. He spoke about House Bill 2107 that he sponsored and briefly explained the bill.

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He also stated that he introduced House Bill 2238 and explained that bill. He spoke about unemployment claims and the problems the individuals are having. He discussed Highway 69 Improvements and the issues with K7 Highway north of Girard. Mr. Collins thanked the Commissioners for inviting him to speak.

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** 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 (21-079)** 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 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 11:37 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 11:22 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:37 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 (21-080)** of Commissioner Johnson 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 10 minutes to discuss the Health Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:48 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 11:38 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

#### UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### FUTURE BUSINESS:

**Item One: March 16, 2021 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign March mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [March 12, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:51 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 3/12/2021 11:51 AM/amended BKW 11/15/2021 2:30 PM](#)