

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2019, SEVENTEENTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS Friday, March 15, 2019 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 Jeremy Johnson was in attendance.

County Clerk Don Pyle was seated with the Board.

Chairman Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (19-077) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 8, 2019** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 19	74	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 5, 2019 minutes
Motion 19	75	To approve the Aid to Local Grant Application for the Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment and Authorize the Chairman to sign.
Motion 19	76	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:38 AM.

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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director, regarding maintenance of courthouse grounds. Mr. Fields stated that he has taken care of the courthouse lawn for the last few years. He presented the Commissioners with information on the issues he would like to take care of on the lawn. He discussed an area of the lawn on the south side of the courthouse that is heavily shaded and grass will not grow. He stated that he feels the best alternative for this situation is to plant a perennial flower bed using hostas and ferns and installing an irrigation system. He stated that the area is 83' x 14'. Mr. Fields explained that the estimated costs include \$837 for the hostas, \$100 for the ferns and \$100 to install the irrigation system totaling \$1037.00. He stated that he will be planting begonias in the flower bed on the north side of the courthouse. He said that the mulch around the trees on the lawn needs to be redone and he needs to fertilize the entire courthouse lawn. Mr. Fields gave the Commissioners estimate on the costs for the mulch and the fertilizer. The commissioners commented on the nice appearance of the grounds.

On motion (19-078) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve having Mr. Ed Fields, Noxious Weed Director, proceed with the projects for the courthouse lawn as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Randy Chiartano, Asphalt Foreman, regarding the Federal Funds Exchange Program for 2019. Mr. Chiartano presented information to the Commissioners on the program and explained that KDOT gets federal funds and those funds are allotted to the counties. He stated that KDOT allows counties to receive their share of these funds in one lump sum at a 90/10 exchange rate. He discussed that the amount for 2019 is \$237,000 which would mean that the county would receive about \$214,000 after the 10% for KDOT is deducted. Mr. Chiartano stated that the funds can be used for anything pertaining to transportation for the county. Commissioner Moody was answered that this is an annual program and the county has opted to cash in their federal funds for the past few years.

The Commissioners and Mr. Chiartano discussed the receipt and storage of salt for the roads. Mr. Chiartano explained that the one salt mine that supplies the road salt is currently behind in production and the state transportation departments are being shipped the current production until they are more caught up in shipments.

MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

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NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle discussed the State of the City Luncheon on April 4, 2019 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Memorial Auditorium in Pittsburg. Commissioner Johnson stated that he has already registered. Commissioner Moody requested that Mr. Pyle register him for the luncheon also.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle discussed the Kansas County Commissioners Association meetings and stated that he has forwarded information on this to the Commissioners. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Moody are both interested in attending.

UNDER THE HEADING OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle discussed the procedure to be used for the submission of documents to the Board of County Commission by anyone wishing to conduct business at a Commission meeting. He gave the Commissioners a copy of the proposed policy.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle presented a list of employees interested on being a volunteer on the Employee Benefits Committee.

Item Three: Mr. Pyle briefly discussed Pro Energy Solutions. Mr. Moody stated that he would like to speak with a representative from Kansas Gas Service.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson stated he attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting yesterday and addressed the revolving loan fund that was discussed at the meeting.

Item Five: Commissioner Moody discussed finding 3 used dump trucks for the County.

Item Six: Mr. Pyle discussed the upcoming election equipment demonstrations and the current election equipment the County Election Office has.

Item Seven: Commissioner Johnston stated that he was in Topeka on Tuesday and spoke with Mr. Jay Hall, Legislative Director of KAC. He stated that Mr. Hall said that on Wednesday there will be a hearing on a house bill that would propose an amendment to the Kansas Constitution to allow home rule powers for counties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 19, 2019, 9:00 AM – Work Session with Cristy Mitchell of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas to review health insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Item One: March 20, 2019, 10:00 AM – Election equipment demonstration by Election Source in the Commission Meeting Room.

Item Two: March 27, 2019, 2:00 PM – Election equipment demonstration by Henry M. Adkins and Son, Inc in the Commission Meeting Room.

Item Three: April 4, 2019 – State of the City Luncheon from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Memorial Auditorium in Pittsburg. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adjourn the [March 15, 2019](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:48 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

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 DPP 3/15/19 at 10:48 AM/amended BKW 2/18/19 9:00 AM](#)