

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTIETH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, March 19, 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 (21-088) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 16, 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	81	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 12, 2021 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 604812 to 605045 dated March 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$317,296.86
Motion 21	82	To approve the appointment of Ms. Shelby Canon to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board as recommended by the CVB Advisory Board
Motion 21	83	To approve the Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Crawford County, Kansas on Project No. 19 C-5067-01 through the High Risk Rural Road Project
Motion 21	84	To approve the renewal invoice from Evolve through Wood Dulohery Insurance, Inc for Cyber Insurance in the amount of \$9,858.00

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Motion 21	85	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 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 10:52 AM
Motion 21	86	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 phone call and to reconvene by 11:13 AM
Motion 21	87	To close the Courthouse on Friday, April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday

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 COVID-19 update. Deputy County Health Officer Teddi Van Kam handed out the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated Friday March 18, 2021. County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins went through the Community Gating Criteria. He stated that the number of new cases has remained stable over the last few weeks. He discussed the number of vaccines given. Dr. Stebbins went through the School Gating Criteria K-12 and stated that they have continued with mitigation discussions with the schools and are working with the schools on their end of year activities. He discussed the Governor’s announcement to move into Phases 3 and 4 starting on Monday, March 22, 2021. He discussed the Moderna vaccine and vaccinations for 12- to 17-year-old children and vaccinations for children 6 months to 12 years of age.

Ms. Van Kam stated that they have received word that they will be receiving 900 first doses and 700 booster doses of the vaccine next week. She said that the Health Department has set up a clinic at Pittsburg High School on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 for first doses and there will be 2 clinics on Thursday, March 25, 2021 for booster doses, one at the Weede Gymnasium and one at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Ms. Van Kam stated that the numbers are very exciting as ¼ of the population of Crawford County has been vaccinated. She stated that IT Director Brandon Spaur is working on a link on the county website to allow the community to go online and make an appointment for a vaccination and also to be able to download the vaccination forms to be able to prepare those ahead of time. She said that the community can also call the COVID Hotline and make an appointment. She discussed individuals that received their first doses and did not return for their second dose and stated that Crawford County is at 1% and across the State of Kansas the percentage is 5.4%.

Dr. Stebbins explained the number of individuals vaccinated that is reported on the gating criteria.

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Executive Administrator of Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Services Mr. Michael Ehling addressed the Commissioners and discussed some programs available through the Health Department aside from COVID-19.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated discussed an email he received from the State of Kansas Municipal Services Department that was sent to all the County Clerks requesting contact information on all the cities in their counties with EIN/TIN information. Mr. Pyle stated that this is in conjunction with the American Rescue Plan of 2021.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair handed out a listing of Public Storm Shelters in the County that was revised in March 2021. He stated that Emergency Management Director Rusty Akins and Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett have been working on updating this list and making it available to the public. He stated that with the tornado season approaching a meeting should be scheduled with the road foremen to discuss plans.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody stated that he received an email from Ms. Garrett on the Crawford County COVID-19 Taskforce. Ms. Garrett stated that a survey was created in conjunction with the task force asking the public if they have not received the vaccine yet and the reasons why they have not. She explained that the survey will be open until 5:00 PM today and then they will calculate the results and she will readdress this next week. Commissioner Johnson was answered that as of yesterday they have had around 50 responses.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson reported on the Webinar that he sat in on with Mr. Emerson and Mr. Pyle that was put on by the Kansas Association of Counties about the American Rescue Plan. He stated that there are very few details available right now as they are waiting on treasury department guidance. He stated that the estimated amount Crawford County would be receiving is \$7,500,000. He stated that the timeline on spending these funds is longer and the county will have until 2024 to spend the money. He explained that the funds will come in 2 separate disbursements, one in the next couple of months and the other a year from then. He explained that this money will be coming directly from the federal treasury department and he spoke with Mike Bodensteiner and he would be willing to oversee the funds again.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle discussed an email he forwarded to the Commissioners in reference to a bill connected to wind energy developments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Item One: IT Director Brandon Spaur requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-089) of Commissioner Moody 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 15 minutes to discuss the IT Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and IT Director Brandon Spaur and to reconvene by 10:57 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 10:42 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:49 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: 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 (21-090) 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 11:04 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 10:49 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Three: Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-091) 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 the PIO duties and county communications under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and PIO Officer Samantha Garrett and to reconvene by 11:11 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:56 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:11 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Judge Jennifer Brunetti discussed a wall on the 3rd floor that she would like removed to have more room in the courtroom for social distancing especially when the jury trials start. She also discussed files that need to be stored that have to be retained for 100 years. There was a discussion on scanning the files.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Four: Commissioner Jeremy Johnson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-092) 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 the PIO position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and PIO Officer Samantha Garrett and to reconvene by 11:33 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 11:18 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:33 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (21-093) 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 Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:44 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 11:34 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:44 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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: April 2, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Good Friday and the Regularly Scheduled Session of the Board of County Commissioners is canceled on that day.

Item Two: April 7, 2021 – Crawford County Tax Foreclosure Sale at 1:00 PM at Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium. Information is available on the county website at www.crawfordcountykansas.org.

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 [March 19, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:46 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by BKW 3/19/2021 11:46 AM/amended BKW 3/22/2021 12:30 PM