

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, March 23, 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.

Commissioner Tom Moody was in attendance.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (21-094) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **March 19, 2021** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Motion 21	88	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 19, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	89	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
Motion 21	90	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

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Motion 21	91	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
Motion 21	92	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
Motion 21	93	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

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 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Ms. Jasmine Kyle, SEK Humane Society Business Manager discussing House Bill 2199. Ms. Kyle distributed information on the bill and stated that she and other representatives of the U. S. Humane Society had testified against this bill since it allows for dog racing that the Humane Society believes is an inhumane sport. Ms. Kyle stated that this is an Expanded Lottery Act that allows for wagering on sporting events but also includes language that would reopen the live greyhound racing in the state. Ms. Kyle asked that the Commission consider approving an ordinance that prohibits commercial greyhound racing in the county. She discussed another bill that would lower taxes for casinos and other dog racing facilities. Ms. Kyle stated that 41 states have now banned dog racing. They also discussed Senate Bill 262 which would also directly affect House Bill 2199. The Commissioners felt that they needed to learn more about this issue and involve the Commissioner that was absent before they make any decisions about approval of a county resolution. Ms. Kyle asked that the Commissioners let her know when they might discuss this issue again.

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson stated that he had been in contact with the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas about their request for a visit from the Commissioners to see their facilities. Commissioner Johnson stated that they had suggested that the Commissioners, Jim Emerson and leadership from the Crawford

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County Health Dept. visit their facility in Pittsburg at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Mr. Johnson stated that they had offered to have a lunch prepared for them. Commissioner Moody suggested that everyone check their schedules to see if that date works for everyone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Moody requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-095) 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 Ambulance Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Ambulance Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:36 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Blair

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:21 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: March 26, 2021 – The Regularly Scheduled Session of the Board of County Commissioners is canceled on that day.

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

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

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On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the [March 23, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:37 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.

Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by [BKW 3/23/2021 10:37 AM](#), Amended by [DPP 3/29/2021 11:55 AM](#)