

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, March 27, 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.

Deputy County Clerk Bobbi Wicker 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 (20-144) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the March 24, 2020 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 Deputy County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 20	141	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 20, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	142	To approve allowing the Health Department to access the COVID-19 fund
Motion 20	143	To approve the Crawford County Health Department Order of the Crawford County Board of Health and Public Health Officer to take effect March 25, 2020 at 12 noon and authorize the Chairman to sign

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

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Item One: Public Hearing on Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (20-145) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to open the public hearing on closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-146) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to close the public hearing on closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

County Counselor Jim Emerson explained the reasoning for the vacation request.

Mr. Emerson presented Resolution #2020-006, A Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas.

On motion (20-147) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2020-006, A Resolution Closing and Vacating a Platted Street and Alley in PC Guinn's 1st Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 30, Range 24, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Officer Rebecca Adamson addressed the Commissioners and stated that Crawford County has 3 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 2 cases have recovered at home without issues, their symptoms are resolved and are out of isolation. She stated that 1 case is still in isolation at home. She stated that they are still testing and approximately 50 or 60 tests still pending. She said that she has had quite a few calls about the order and explained the questions that were asked. Ms. Adamson stated that her

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recommendation would be to put in place a stay at home order. She explained how a stay at home works and stated that there are different levels of stay at home orders and the order can be as relaxed or strict as the Commissioners would like. She stated that some of the allowed items addressed are that you can go into your own yard, you can walk for exercise with the 6-foot social distancing, parks will remain open but stay off the playground equipment and allow for the 6-foot social distancing. She explained that businesses will still be under the function of the original order and spoke about the limits on businesses in that order. She stated that she would like added to the order that restaurants shall be delivery or curbside pickup only and no inside or outside dining at the restaurants. She addressed keeping only essential areas of a store open and closing down non-essential item areas, limiting the reasons people are going to the store. Ms. Adamson stated that the only way to reduce the spread of the virus is to stay at home and stay away from one another as much as possible. She addressed “stay at home” and gave example of social gatherings that are not essential and would not be acceptable. Mr. Emerson presented a copy of the Johnson County stay at home order that is incorporated with a list of businesses that are allowed to remain open and the Governor’s order and list of essential businesses. Mr. Emerson stated that he has read a number of other counties’ orders and they are almost identical to the Johnson County order. Ms. Adamson stated that manufacturing companies have been allowed to be open if they are following the 6 feet distancing rule. She addressed the statistics on the cases in Kansas and discussed lab testing at the state lab and outside labs. She spoke about limiting the number of people allowed in the big box stores and restricting to essential items only. She explained the reasoning for needing the stay at home order and that the goal is to save as many lives as possible. She gave examples of reasons people should not be at work or not be at home. Sheriff Smith spoke about the steps to take for big box stores and stated that it is important to make sure the language in the order is very clear and concise.

The Commissioners requested that Ms. Adamson and Sheriff Smith review the Johnson County and Bourbon County orders and return with a recommendation for a Crawford County order.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: The Commissioners had a conference call with representatives from APEX Clean Energy. Mr. Dennis Meier from Triad Environment Services and Mr. Jeff Spangler from APEX were present. Mr. Spangler stated that a team of 3 representatives, Project Developer Julianna Pianelli, Council Alan Anderson and Public Engagement Director Helen Humphreys will be speaking today via conference call. Ms. Pianelli addressed the Commission and addressed the Jayhawk Wind Project and went over the information presented by Mr. Spangler. Mr. Meier addressed concerns with payment to subcontractors, usage of other roads and anticipated use of eminent domain to connect into the main transmission area and the APEX representatives discussed these issues and answered Mr. Meier’s questions. The Commissioners thanked APEX for taking the time to call. The Commissioners and Mr. Meier discussed the issue

MESSAGES FROM THE CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH continued

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Item One continued: Ms. Adamson read what she recommends be added to the current order. Mr. Emerson discussed Bourbon County orders and the clarity of the order and feels that Crawford County orders should follow suit to be more specific and this should alleviate some of the calls and questions. Ms. Adamson stated that she would like the amended order to be issued today before the weekend. The Commissioner decided to have Ms. Adamson and Mr. Emerson work on this order and the Commissioners scheduled a special meeting today at 2:00 PM.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC continued

Item Two: Mr. Jonathan Riley, Morning Sun reporting spoke to the Commissioners and Ms. Adamson about concerns and questions he had regarding the recommendations for additions to the order. Ms. Adamson addressed his concerns.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a Notice of Intent to Close and Vacate an Unnamed Alley in the Town of Opolis with a Public Hearing set for April 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Mr. Emerson showed a map of the area and explained where the alley to be vacated is located. Mr. Blair asked about the possibility of vacating all the alleys in certain subdivisions. Mr. Emerson stated that had been addressed in the past and there are issues with this.

On motion (20-148) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the publication of the Notice of Intent to Close and Vacate an Unnamed Alley in the Town of Opolis with a Public Hearing set for April 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson presented a proposal from Cook, Flatt and Strobel Engineers, PA for a routine bridge inspection of the 171 Off-System and 69 R.S. System bridges in the amount of \$19,200.00. Mr. Emerson stated that is a required semi-annual bridge inspection. He states that these inspections give the county a report on each bridge with recommendations of repairs and replacement.

On motion (20-149) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the proposal from Cook, Flatt and Strobel Engineers, PA for a routine bridge inspection of the 171 Off-System and 69 R.S. System bridges in the amount of \$19,200.00.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Mr. Moody addressed the Courthouse offices and staggering employees and working from home. Mr. Emerson stated that this decision has been left up to Elected Officials and Department Heads. Mr. Emerson stated that some employees are working from home is possible, the offices have implemented social distancing and some of the offices are staggering the employees. Mr. Emerson presented a Crawford County Administrative Leave policy and explained the policy and discussed the childcare part of the policy. He stated that any employee who violates the policy will have administrative leave days converted to sick or vacation days and will subject the employee to disciplinary action up to and including termination. He stressed the importance of following the policy. Mr. Emerson also addressed public access to the Courthouse. He stated that currently access was to the courthouse would become open on March 30, 2020 but suggested extending the no public access for another week. He explained the procedures being taken to assist the public without allowing public access into the building. He also stated that some deadlines have been moved and said that vehicle inspections are not being done at this time. Mr. Johnson addressed title work and Mr. Emerson explained the steps being taken to assist with this.

On motion (20-150) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Crawford County Administrative Leave policy as presented.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-151) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve closing the Courthouse to the public until April 6, 2020.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Four: Commissioner Johnson discussed the 6 feet social distancing with the Commissioners in the Commission room and Mr. Emerson stated that he will work on this issue.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair asked Sheriff Smith about steps to be taken if individuals that are not following the Public Health order. Sheriff Smith stated the main issue is to make the order clear and concise to people so they can follow the order. He stated that he feels that most of the time any issue should be taken care of with a phone call from the Sheriff's Department and most people will follow if told by the Sheriff's Department. The deputies have been told to contact him if a citizen blatantly refuses to follow order but he does not does not foresee any issues. Sheriff Smith stated that he will be talking

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with the county attorney today to see what measures can be taken if any citizen absolutely refuses to follow the order. He stated that this is all new and we are learning as we go.

Mr. Riley from the Morning Sun stated that the newspaper would be happy to publish a short announcement each day on the front page reminding the public about social distancing issues or stay at home issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: March 27, 2020 – The Commissioner will hold a special meeting at 2:00 PM in the County Commission Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: The Courthouse will be closed to the public until April 6, 2020 and the Commission Meetings will be held as scheduled at this time.

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 [March 27, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:25 PM 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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Bobbi Wicker

Deputy County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken by [BKW 3/27/2020 12:25 PM/amended BKW 3/30/2020 5:00 PM](#)