

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, March 30, 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 Bruce Blair was 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 (21-096) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the March 23, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

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

Table with 3 columns: Motion number, Roll call number, and Description of motion. Row 1: Motion 21, 94, That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the March 19, 2021 minutes. Row 2: Motion 21, 95, 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.

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: The County Health Officials addressed the Commissioners with a COVID-19 Update. Deputy County Health Officer Ms. Teddi Van Kam and Ms. Janis Goedeke were

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present. Ms. Van Kam went through the Crawford County Gating Criteria updated 3/25/2021 for the community and the schools K-12. She discussed the vaccination statistics. Ms. Goedeke gave an update on the vaccination clinics. She gave the Commissioners information on the upcoming clinics and stated that the vaccinations are now opened up for anyone 18 and over. She stated that no appointments are necessary at the upcoming clinics and spoke briefly about concerns with congestion with open clinics. Ms. Goedeke stated that they started utilizing community volunteers and they have been a big help. There was a discussion on running short on vaccines at the clinics and not having enough people show up at the clinics to use the vaccinations. There was also a discussion on advising the public about filling out the paperwork before coming to the clinic to save time. Commissioner Johnson asked about the number of vaccines being received and Ms. Goedeke stated that 1,200 vaccine doses were received this week.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the Commissioners and County Health Officials meeting with SEK Community Health and the Ms. Goedeke, Ms. Van Kam and Michael Ehling agreed with having the meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 11:30 AM. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would contact SEK Community Health and verify that date and time.

County Clerk Don Pyle asked about an employee that received both of the vaccine doses and is exposed to a positive case. Ms. Van Kam advised that currently an employee would not have to quarantine due to exposure from 2 weeks after the second dose is administered and for a 6-month period after that date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Jessica Ripper, Executive Director of the Girard Chamber of Commerce addressed the Commissioner about the Girard Easter Egg Hunt. Ms. Ripper handed out a sketch of the courthouse lawn and a letter explaining the activities to be held on the lawn. She stated that she received prior approval from County Health Officer Dr. Tim Stebbins regarding the mitigation plan for the Easter Egg Hunt. She explained the precautions that will be taken to keep everyone safe, sanitized and social distanced.

On motion (21-097) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn and the mitigation plan for the Girard Area Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2021.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

Ms. Ripper discussed the Girard Chamber of Commerce working with the First Impressions Group from K-State and explained the program and what was discussed during the program they attended.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Blair stated that his Road Foreman has requested the purchase of a trailer and presented an estimate on a trailer. Commissioner Blair stated that he will purchase the trailer. He stated that he would like to schedule another work session to discuss a road maintenance schedule. The Commissioners scheduled a work session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:30 AM to discuss road maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that the City of Girard is looking into a grant for road improvements near the SEK-CAP Offices and Girard City Administrator Johanna Winter will be attending a meeting next week to present information on this grant as it does involve some county roadway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: Commissioner Johnson requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-098) 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 10:35 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:25 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:34 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (21-099) 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 15 minutes to discuss the Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards and to reconvene by 10:50 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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The motion prevailed.

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:45 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: April 6, 2021 – 9:30 AM Work Session to discuss county road maintenance.

Item Two: April 6, 2021 – Mr. Brad Stroud, Director Live Well Crawford County.

Item Three: April 6, 2021 – 11:30 AM meeting with Community Health at the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas at 3011 N Michigan St, Pittsburg, KS. All three Commissioners will be in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: 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 Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the **March 30, 2021** meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:47 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting: Commissioner Moody

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 3/30/2021 10:47 AM/amended BKW 4/5/2021 11:30 AM