

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, May 11, 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 and Bruce Blair were 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 (21-139) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the May 7, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

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	137	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 4, 2021 minutes
Motion 21	138	To approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Jason M & Jennifer L Bailey and to request a refund in the amount of \$155.40 from the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

- PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD**
- MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**
- PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS**
- MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC**

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MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Item One: Ms. Brooke Powell, Executive Director, Safehouse Crisis Center presenting the 2021 Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application. Ms. Powell stated that this grant focuses on the emergency shelter. She stated that there is a 71-bed shelter in Pittsburg and they house victims fleeing from violence in this shelter. She explained what the expenses this grant covers. She stated the grant covers a big portion of the salary of the Residential Manager and explained the duties of the Residential Manager. She stated that the shelter is always staffed. Ms. Powell said that in the last 12 months they have housed 171 victims in the shelter and 63 of those were children. She stated that they house, women, men and children. She explained how they help these victims during the time they stay at the facility. Commissioner Moody was answered that there is a lot of return victims that come to the facility. Commissioner Johnson was answered that in the last year there was a decrease in overall numbers in the facility and Ms. Powell explained some of the reasons that could have attributed to the decrease. She explained how families are housed in the facility. She stated that there is also a pet facility at the shelter so the fleeing families can bring their pets. She answered Commissioner Johnson that they receive federal, state and local grants.

On motion (21-140) of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the 2021 Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson addressed the American Rescue Act and stated that the portal is now open and yesterday he was able to set up a connection and input a submission into the portal for Crawford County which is tentative until approval. He explained that if Crawford County is approved it will be set that the county will receive half of the total allotment. Commissioner Johnson stated that he forwarded the treasury guidance to Mike Bodensteiner and Monica Murnan.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody discussed the starting date for asphaltting and Commissioner Blair stated that the milling is set for some time in June but not sure of the when asphaltting will start. Commissioner Moody stated that he will contact Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano for a start date for the asphaltting so residents can be made aware when their road is being worked on.

OLD BUSINESS

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Item One: Mr. Emerson presented a Resolution on a county land Banks for the Commissioners to review. He stated that land banks are allowed by statute for counties and cities. He explained that a county land bank will be governed by the Board of County Commissioners but can be governed by a separate board of directors. He went through the resolution and stated that the Planning and Zoning Office shall be the land bank coordinator if the Commissioners wish. The Commissioners requested that Zoning Administrator May Smith review the resolution. Mr. Emerson explained what properties can be put in the county land bank. He stated that he will speak with Ms. Smith about the resolution and readdress on Friday.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed trucks for the Road and Bridge Department. He stated that prices of the trucks keep going up and a decision needs to be made. The Commissioners discussed the department's truck's rotations, usages and the needed attachments. They also discussed the mileage of the vehicles and the mileage of roads in the districts. Commissioner Blair stated that his district is down a truck right now. The Commissioners decided to speak with the Road Foreman and scheduled a work session for Friday, May 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Item Three: Commissioner Johnson discussed the Health Assessment Grant and stated that there will be a follow up meeting on Friday and a representative from Sunflower Foundation will participate in the call to answer questions. He explained who will participate in the call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

On motion (21-141) 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 20 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address a valuation appeal and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:50 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 10:30 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:50 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship.

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On motion (21-142) 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 30 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to address 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 11:21 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 10:51 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:21 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 14, 2021 – 8:30 AM Work Session to review and sign May mid-month bills and payroll vouchers.

Item Two: May 14, 2021 – 9:00 AM Work Session with Road and Bridge Foremen.

Item Three: May 14, 2021 – Ms. Ann Elliott from the Family Resource Center and Ms. Dawn Flores from Greenbush giving a presentation on a Child Care Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: May 11, 2021 – 1:00 PM Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative “Flip the Switch” on two Heartland Electric Cooperative Sun Farms at 925 W Hwy 47, Girard. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

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 [May 11, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:22 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.

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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 5/11/2021 11:22 AM/amended BKW 5/13/2021 2:00 PM