

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, [THIRTY-SEVENTH](#) MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Tuesday, May 25, 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 (21-161)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 21, 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	154	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 18, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners
Motion 21	155	To approve the Crawford County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan
Motion 21	156	To approve the purchase of property at 103 Rondelli Rd, Pittsburg, Kansas owned by Robert Fenoglio for the amount of \$20,000
Motion 21	157	To approve the reappointment of Commissioner Blair to the SEK CTEC board
Motion 21	158	To approve sending a letter of support for a Solid Waste Grant for the SEK Recycling Center for the purchase of a forklift and authorize the Chairman to sign

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Motion 21	159	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 12:05 PM
Motion 21	160	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss project reports under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:13 PM

**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**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented the contract for asphalt between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer’s Office and Heckert Construction Co., Inc. He stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have partnered with the City of Pittsburg to get a large quantity of asphalt at a competitive price. He stated that it is basically the same contract that has been presented in prior years with the exception that if Heckert Construction is overwhelmed the county will be able to obtain asphalt from an alternate location if necessary and Heckert Construction has agreed to this. Commissioner Blair requested that Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano notify the Commissioners if a different location is going to be used. Commissioner Johnson stated that it would be best to get a regular progress report on the asphalt projects.

**On motion (21-162)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the contract for asphalt for 2021 between Crawford County, Kansas Engineer’s Office and Heckert Construction Co., Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign.  
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented a letter from Ms. Angie Hadley, Program Coordinator for the Restorative Justice Authority requesting that Vanessa De Luna be appointed to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with a term ending 6/5/2024. Commissioner Moody stated that we are lucky to have Ms. De Luna on the board and she comes highly recommended.

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**On motion (21-163)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the appointment of Vanessa De Luna to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for an additional 3 years with a term ending 6/5/2024 and authorize the Chairman to sign.  
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson stated that he received notification from Mr. Bill Brady that Crawford County is now a part of the Rural Opportunity Zone. He said that he will forward an email to the Commissioners with informational meeting dates and times on the Rural Opportunity Zone.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Don Pyle presented the Commissioners with an updated schedule of the budget work sessions.

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson presented an amended Crawford County Payroll Change Authorization and policy for the Commissioners to review. He explained that the purpose of the amended authorization is for the requests to be turned in early to allow the Commissioners time to review the request and obtain additional information if needed on requested pay raises. He explained that this is the first draft and it is the Commissioners decision on what they would like. Mr. Emerson said that the Commissioners can meet with Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and himself to make any changes they would like. Commissioner Moody stated that the authorization pertains to Department Heads only and not Elected Officials. Commissioner Blair asked about the status of hiring a Human Resources employee and Mr. Pyle stated that applications were accepted until last Friday and he has 3 interviews this week. He said that hopefully within 3 weeks a new Human Resource employee should be starting.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Johnson stated that Dr. Jim Triplett gave him the form for the Solid Waste Grant for the forklift for the SEK Recycling Center that the Commissioners had submitted a letter of support for. He explained that the center also applied for a grant with the City of Pittsburg for a baler.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** County Appraiser Zach Edwards requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-164)** 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 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and County Appraiser Zach Edwards and to reconvene by 10:34 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:24 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:32 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

**On motion (21-165)** 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 Road & Bridge Department project reports under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:48 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 10:33 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:48 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Tom Moody requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-166)** 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 10 minutes to discuss county counsel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and to reconvene by 11:00 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 10:50 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:57 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: May 28, 2021 – 8:30 AM** Work Session to review and sign May bills and payroll vouchers.

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**Item Two: May 28, 2021** – Budget Work Sessions beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Item Three: June 4, 2021** – Mr. Mark Lehman Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Crawford County Conservation District addressing Conservation District Budget.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Item One: May 31, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

**Item Two: June 1, 2021** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Monday Memorial Day holiday.

### 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 [May 25, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:58 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.**

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**Don Pyle**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

Taken by BKW 5/25/2021 11:01 AM/amended BKW 5/27/2021 9:30 AM