

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2021, **EIGHTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS, **Friday, November 19, 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.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (21-380)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **November 16, 2021** 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 County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 21	376	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 12, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the November 12, 2021 minutes of the Board of County Canvassers and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 609503 to 609753 dated November 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$429,040.50
Motion 21	377	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss Mental Health Personnel under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Executive Director Michael Ehling and to reconvene by 10:41 AM

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Motion 21	378	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 30 minutes to discuss the EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, EMS Director Randy Sandberg and EMS Administrator Dr. Tim Stebbins and to reconvene by 11:13 AM
Motion 21	379	To approve the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG CV 2) Recipient Request for Reimbursement and Financial Status Report in the amount of \$496.10 and authorize the Chairman to sign

**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 THE PUBLIC**

**MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item One:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented Resolution #2021-015, A Resolution Closing a Portion of Center Street in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas. He explained that the public hearing on this road closing was held on November 9, 2021 but this legal description was left off Resolution #2021-014. He stated that this description was included in the publication and the public hearing but was inadvertently left off the original resolution.

**On motion (21-381)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to adopt Resolution #2021-015, A Resolution Closing a Portion of Center Street in the Town of Dunkirk, Crawford County, Kansas.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Mr. Emerson addressed vehicle bids for the Sheriff's Office that Sheriff Danny Smith requested that he present to the Commissioners. He stated that this is part of the Sheriff's Department's annual vehicle rotation. Mr. Emerson explained that normally the Sheriff's Department keeps the bids local but this year the 2 local dealers were unable to provide bids due to the shortage of vehicles and one dealer stated that delivery could be from 3 months to a year. He stated that Sheriff Smith located a dealer, Superior Emergency Vehicles from Andover Kansas, that have the vehicles in stock and presented a bid from this dealer for 3 2021 Dodge Durangos that include all equipment and installation. There was a discussion on the trucks that are listed as trade ins. Mr. Emerson asked that he be allowed to look for lease purchase financing.

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**On motion (21-382)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve County Counselor Jim Emerson to go out for bids for lease purchase financing for the Sheriff's Department vehicles.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**On motion (21-383)** of Commissioner Blair 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 EMS Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:35 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 10:20 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:35 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS continued**

**Item Three:** Commissioner Jeremy Johnson stated that he attended an International Economic Development Council (IEDC) informational meeting in Chanute yesterday. He reported on what was discussed at the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson addressed the intersection of K-7 and K-126. He stated that a resident attended a commission meeting a few months ago that was concerned with the intersection and the danger it creates to the citizens of the county and there have been other citizens concerned with the danger of this intersection. He discussed the widening of the intersection which decreases the stop sign visibility. He presented a letter to KDOT requesting lighted, blinking stop signs be installed at this intersection and the letter also states that the county is willing to partner financially with KDOT to resolve this issue.

**On motion (21-384)** of Commissioner Johnson and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the letter to KDOT requesting lighted, blinking stop signs at the K-7 & K-126 Intersection.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

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Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Blair discussed issues with the new dump trucks that were ordered.

**Item Three:** Commissioner Moody discussed the demolition of a house in Chicopee.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (21-385)** 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 the Employee Assistance Program under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, County Clerk Don Pyle, Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan and Human Resources Manager Lauren Mattingly and to reconvene by 10:56 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 10:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:56 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

**On motion (21-386)** 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 Road & Bridge Department under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:12 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 10:57 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:12 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

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

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## **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: Friday, November 19, 2021** – Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Johnson will be attending a meeting at 11:30 AM at Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative offices in Girard.

**Item Two: November 25 & 26, 2021** – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday and there will no Commission Meeting on November 26, 2021.

## **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to adjourn the [November 19, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:15 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 11/19/2021 11:15 AM/amended BKW 11/19/2021 3:45 PM