

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, NINETY-FIRST MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Tuesday, November 24, 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 Tom Moody served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Bruce Blair and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance via Zoom.

County Clerk Don Pyle and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Commissioner Moody led the pledge of allegiance.

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

On motion (20-473) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the November 20, 2020 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 20	471	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the November 17, 2020 minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 602265 to 602499 dated November 13, 2020 in the total amount of \$595,646.35
Motion 20	472	To adopt the Kansas Governor's Executive Order #20-68, effective November 25, 2020

**UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS
PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS
MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC
MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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NEW BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody addressed the staggering the work force in the courthouse. He also stated that if any employee leaves their work station it is necessary that they wear a mask. County Counselor Jim Emerson stated that we want to make the public aware of the drop boxes that are available for their use at the courthouse and at the judicial center. He also addressed reactivating the drive up drop off ballot boxes at the Courthouse and at the Judicial Center for the public's use especially since it is tax season. He spoke about having hand sanitizer and masks available to the public and to be stricter with public mask wearing in the courthouse. Mr. Emerson stated that it is not to the point of closing down yet but are trying to keep that from happening and with some small changes we can keep that from happening. He addressed county employees working from home if possible and making sure that if someone in that department is COVID positive the entire office does not have to shut down and still be able to keep the offices open to serve the public. Commissioner Blair and Commissioner Johnson both agreed. Commissioner Moody stated that he and Mr. Emerson have spoken to some of the elected officials and department heads and Mr. Emerson will speak with the rest to implement the decisions just discussed. Mr. Emerson addressed a temperature check station at the entrance on the first floor for employees and the public. Mr. Pyle stated that there is check station on the 3rd floor and he spoke to Health Director Janis Goedeke last week and another check station is on the way but not sure where it is currently at in transit. Mr. Emerson stressed to the employees and the public that if you are sick please stay home to be safe and keep everyone else safe. Mr. Moody stated that there have been several cases in the Courthouse and we need to keep it from spreading. Mr. Pyle addressed having an employee available to transport the business items from the security desk to the offices.

Item Two: Mr. Emerson discussed enforcement on the Governor's Executive Order #20-68 and Crawford County Local Health Officer Order #3. He handed our K.S.A. 21-6204 Maintaining a public nuisance; permitting a public nuisance and stated that he had email the statue to the Commissioners. He explained that after working with the Health Officials, the Sheriff and the County Attorney they have found the statute that will give the authority for enforcement that they are seeking and will give the County Attorney and law enforcement a way to enforce. He stated that it is a criminal statue talking about public nuisance and a violation of a public nuisance being a violation of the public health, safety and welfare of the county citizens. Mr. Emerson stated that the County Attorney will work with the County to enforce it and it is a penalty up to \$500 which is a Class C misdemeanor. He explained that Local Health Officer Order #3 needs to be updated to include the enforcement and the full process of enforcement needs to be outlined in a new order which will be Local Health Officer Order #4 and the work has been started on this order. He stated that he feels this will work and it has the backing of the County Attorney and Law Enforcement. He stated that they will continue to work on the order and have ready to present to the Commissioners to review next week get out to the public next week.

Item Three: Mr. Emerson gave an update on the CDGB CV grant and stated that half of the grants need awarded by the middle of next month and he will continue working on this. He stated that the consultant has reviewed each of the applications and gave

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recommendations to the business and they should have 2 or 3 applications ready to present to the Committee and the Commissioners within the next 2 weeks for approval.

Item Four: Mr. Emerson gave an update on the SPARK funding. He stated that Mr. Mike Bodensteiner will be here in the next week or so with some final decisions.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson addressed employee evaluations. Mr. Emerson stated that Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan has updated the evaluation form and should be sending out to the department heads and elected officials and self-evaluations were included in the form.

Item Two: Commissioner Johnson addressed funds request forms. He suggested some changes and additions to the request form and Mr. Pyle stated that he will work on the fund applications and present to the Commissioners on Tuesday. Mr. Pyle explained that the Parks and Recreation funds are very minimal and the Special Alcohol Funds are divided between the Mental Health and Crisis Resource Center so he will mainly concentrate on the Historical and Elderly Funding Request.

Item Three: Commissioner Moody asked for an update from EMS Director Randy Sandberg. Mr. Sandberg stated that he currently has 1 COVID positive employee in his department and they are transporting a lot of COVID patients. He explained that with the funds received he put PAPER equipment on the trucks.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: December 4, 2020 – 10:00 AM Public Hearing on Vacating Platted Alleys.

Item Two: December 8, 2020 – 1:00 PM Fence Viewing located in Section 3, Township 29, Range 24. All three Commissioners may be in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: November 26 & 27, 2020 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for November 27, 2020 is cancelled.

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: County Health Director Janis Goedeke gave an update on COVID 19 and stated they are still seeing patients and is continuing to rise. She gave updates on the isolations and quarantines in the community and in the schools. She discussed a company coming in to do mass COVID testing in the county and she is working on setting up two testing sites. She stated that PSU had already agreed to be a testing site and she is currently checking into the Countryside Christian Church as the second testing site. She

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discussed the type of testing that will be done. Mr. Pyle was answered that this is not prevalence testing. She spoke about contact tracing and case investigation. Commissioner Moody stated that the public need to be made aware of the testing sites. Ms. Goedeke stated that the company can also assist with vaccines. She said that she will be in Arma and Arcadia today with the mobile unit.

Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Juvenile Services Michael Ehling addressed Dr. Stebbins' video and stated that it has had over 5,500 views. He stated that they have had a couple of positive COVID 19 cases internally in his department and they are moving more in the direction of Telehealth at this time.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Judge Jennifer Brunetti addressed the Commissioners with concerns about office departments heads being notified when there is a positive case within the Courthouse and asked if there is a protocol for this situation. The Commissioners and Judge Brunetti discussed this issue. Judge Brunetti stated that there is a temperature check station on the 3rd floor and it can be taken to the first floor until one is available for the first floor. She discussed a mass email for notification of positive cases within the courthouse.

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 [November 24, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:40 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.

Don Pyle
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

[Taken by BKW 11/24/2020 10:40 AM/amended BKW 11/25/2020 11:00 AM](#)