

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2021, SEVENTIETH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, Friday, October 1, 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 (21-307) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

- 1. Approval of the September 28, 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	306	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the September 24, 2021 minutes
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**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**

Item One: Dr. Jackie Youtsos addressing Employer Sponsored Child Care Center. The Harmony Activity and Childcare Center is a proposed 122 slot childcare facility. Dr. Youtsos has been working with Monica Murnan at Greenbush to create a self-sustaining

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budget. Several area business leaders were in attendance to support the proposal. Dr. Youtsos is requesting \$3.3 million; \$2.9 million for the building and \$400,000 in start-up costs. The building will be built on land owned by Dr. Youtsos and her husband. Megan Fry representing The Family Resource Center spoke of the importance of having quality childcare including an emphasis on early childhood education. Ms. Fry asked the Commissioners to consider partnering with quality childcare providers in the area when spending county funds.

Item Two: Mike Bodensteiner with Greenbush was in attendance to discuss two county proposals that needed to move forward; school resource coordinators and the county vaccination team. County Attorney Jim Emerson said the school resource coordinators cost would top out at \$360,000 and the County Health Department vaccination team costs \$676,438.03. Commissioner Blair suggested the County absorb some of the costs of these programs.

On motion (21-308) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to grant the Health Department up to \$1,036,000 to fund the hiring of school resource coordinators and the County Health Department Vaccination Team.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Three: Ms. Ian Nicaise addressed the Commissioners in reference to optional masking in the schools. Ms. Nicaise has two children in USD 250 and explained that because children under the age of 12 are ineligible for vaccines, these children are not being protected. She would like the gating criteria for children to be changed until the vaccines are offered to the younger population. Commissioner Moody stated that the information will be assessed by the health officials and school districts biweekly, and the policy will be changed if needed.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle presented an application for a 2021 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Crawford County Fair Association to allow them to sell cereal malt beverages for consumption on the premises for a special event (Crawford County Fall Brawl) during the dates beginning at 12:00 PM on October 9, 2021 and ending at 12:00 AM on October 10, 2021 at the Legion Stand at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Mr. Pyle stated that notices have been sent to the Sheriff, Zoning Administrator, County Attorney and the Township Clerk and all responded that they had no issue with this application.

On motion (21-309) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to make it known that the matter of issuing a license to the applicant(s) listed below was

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discussed and considered by the Board, and there being no objection filed as provided by law and the Board knowing of no reason why a license should not be issued, the board hereby issues a license to “sell at retail”, cereal malt beverages in broken case lots from the place of business as shown in the application as designated and described on the application as herein before set out, and that the County Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper license which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk of Crawford County, Kansas.

APPLICANT: Crawford County Fair Association

PREMISES: 249 E 47 Hwy, Girard, KS (Legion Stand Fairgrounds)

DATE: Beginning at 12:00 PM on October 9, 2021 and ending at 12:00 AM on October 9, 2021. **(For consumption on the premises)**

EVENT: Crawford County Fall Brawl

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Two: Mr. Pyle presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 2006 Dodge Truck owned by Bernard O’Brien and to request a refund in the amount of \$363.40 from the 2019 Personal Property Tax Rolls and to make an addition in the amount of \$84.48 to the 2019 16/20M Tax Rolls. Mr. Pyle stated that the 2006 Dodge was removed from the personal property tax rolls and added to the 2019 16/20M tax rolls.

On motion (21-310) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 2006 Dodge Truck owned by Bernard O’Brien and to request a refund in the amount of \$363.40 from the 2019 Personal Property Tax Rolls and to make an addition in the amount of \$84.48 to the 2019 16/20M Tax Rolls 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. Pyle presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Trent & Tracy Bernot and to request a refund in the amount of \$604.36 from the 2018 tax rolls and a refund of \$521.30 from the 2019 tax rolls. Mr. Pyle stated that the 2014 Ford Truck was traded in on 9/23/2017 and the taxpayer failed to report to the Appraiser’s Office. He also presented a tax roll correction correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Trent & Tracy Bernot and to request a refund in the amount of \$293.88 from the 2019 tax rolls. Mr. Pyle stated that the 2017 Chevy Truck was traded in on 6/7/2019 and the taxpayer failed to report that information to the Appraiser’s Office.

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On motion (21-311) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Trent & Tracy Bernot and to request a refund in the amount of \$604.36 from the 2018 tax rolls and a refund in the amount of \$521.30 from the 2019 tax rolls and the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Trent & Tracy Bernot and to request a refund in the amount of \$293.88 from the 2019 tax rolls 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 Five: Mr. Pyle presented a Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Matthew DeLange and to request a refund in the amount of \$112.80 from the 2019 tax rolls. Mr. Pyle stated that the Ford F350 was missing a class code which resulted in an incorrect value.

On motion (21-312) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Johnson to approve the Tax Roll Correction, correcting an error in the assessing of a 16/20M Truck owned by Matthew DeLange and to request a refund in the amount of \$112.80 from the 2019 tax rolls and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item One: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-313) 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 CVB Director position under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President Blake Benson 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 10:45 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:55 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Commissioner Blair stated that he will be meeting Mr. Jeff Spangler today about the wind farm project and the project is near completion in Crawford County.

Item Seven: Commissioner Moody addressed the salt shed and a Chicopee property and Commissioner Blair gave a brief update on the status of the projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Johnson asked about continuing the contract with Greenbush. Mr. Emerson addressed the contract and stated that this is a long-term contract running through December 31, 2024.

On motion (21-314) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the contract with Greenbush for help in managing the ARPA Funds.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION continued

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

On motion (21-315) 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 District Court under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:15 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 11:00 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:10 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

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

On motion (21-316) 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

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and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:26 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 11:11 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 11:26 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: October 11, 2021 – The Courthouse will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

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 [October 1, 2021](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 11:26 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Johnson and Blair

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 10/01/2021 11:26 AM/amended BKW 10/4/2021 8:00 AM