

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2020, **EIGHTY-THIRD** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS, **Friday, October 23, 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 Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Jeremy Johnson were in attendance.

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

Chairman Blair led the pledge of allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (20-438) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Johnson that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 20, 2020** 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 20	434	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 16, 2020 minutes
Motion 20	435	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss an employee evaluation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and Sign Foreman Dale Shireman and to reconvene by 10:23 AM
Motion 20	436	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 10 minutes to discuss an employee evaluation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:31 AM

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Motion 20	437	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 address COVID 19 Mitigation and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 11:04 AM
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UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Item One: Dr. Tim Stebbins, Crawford County Public Health Officer, discussed the status of the local hospitals and residents in relation to COVID-19. Dr. Stebbins reviewed the gating criteria which includes the number of new cases, the number of people with active cases and hospital capacity in the county over the past week. Dr. Stebbins stated that after reviewing all of the current data with the other county health officials and with the epi nurses they feel that the cases in the schools are primarily coming from contacts outside of the school and that this has led them to look at changing a few of the mitigation guidelines for the schools. Dr. Stebbins reviewed the changes that they want to make with the commissioners and asked them to approve the changes to go into effect on the following Monday. Commissioner Johnson was concerned that there should be some notice before these go into effect. There was a discussion that the changes only affect some of the guidelines about quarantine and that by delaying they would only prolong some of the unnecessary quarantines that are already in progress. Dr. Stebbins emphasized that these changes at the schools are only possible because of the close working relationship the health officers have with the school districts. He added that this would not be possible at most businesses unless the health officers do an in-depth review of all their mitigation strategies. Dr. Stebbins stated that the data the health department has accumulated show that the mitigation strategies are effective at the schools. Commissioner Blair discussed that he can see how important it is to manage the community cases in the county so that we can have accurate data for our county. Dr. Stebbins discussed some of the other issues of the proposed changes and that the schools have been involved in making these changes and that they have communications for the changes to send home with students.

On motion (20-439) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the changes to Mitigation Strategies and Quarantine Guidelines for K-12 Schools in Crawford County as recommended by Crawford County Health Officer, Dr. Tim Stebbins.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

On motion (20-440) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session for a period of 5 minutes.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

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Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

The Regular Session reconvened at 11:25 AM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

Item One: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas representative Ms. Cristy Mitchell addressed the Commissioners via phone call for discussion on County Health Insurance for 2021. She explained Copay Maximization and explained the different options that are available. The Commissioners decided to approve the Copay Maximization for Option 1 and Option 2 and to deny the accumulator adjustments for Option 3. Ms. Mitchell also discussed a state mandate on electronic prosthetics. Director of Fiscal Services Ms. Randi Ryan stated that since this is a state mandate we should go ahead and include this coverage.

On motion (20-441) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the Copay Maximization for Option 1 & 2, deny the accumulator adjustments for Option 3, approve the Electronic Prosthetics coverage and to accept the contract for the County Health Insurance through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for 2021 as amended 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

Item One: Judge Jennifer Brunetti addressed the Commissioners and discussed the new maintenance employee and the Commissioners stated that Judge Brunetti should utilize the employee as she needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: County Clerk Don Pyle stated that Tuesday, October 27, 2020 is the last day that advance ballots can be mailed by state statute. He explained that there will be 2 early in person voting sites on October 30, 2020 and October 31, 2020 at the Meadowbrook Mall and the Homer Cole Center from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day. Mr. Pyle stated that there have been approximately 5,400 ballots mailed to this date.

Item Two: Commissioner Moody stated that the road crews are adding a shoulder to the county road from Arma to Frontenac and wanted the public to be aware and use caution when traveling that road. Commissioner Blair suggested that the Public Information Officer Samantha Garrett post this information.

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Item Three: Commissioner Blair addressed a situation where a taxpayer felt that the County Appraiser's office was targeting him due to political views. He stated that he will speak to the business owner and assure him that there is no truth to this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Mr. Pyle stated that usually during this time of the year the county budgets are reviewed to see if amendments are needed and wanted the Commissioners to be aware of this.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair addressed the used demo loader the road crews have been using. He stated that this piece of equipment will be utilized quite a bit. He stated that a new loader would be \$165,000 and the used loader was a lease and has close to 1,000 hours and would cost \$120,000. He will check on a contract from Foley Equipment for the used loader and readdress on Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On motion (20-442) 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 Zoning Administrator evaluation under Non-Elected Personnel and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:01 PM.

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 11:46 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:01 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

Item Two: County Counselor Jim Emerson requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship.

On motion (20-443) 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 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney Client Relationship to discuss landfill negotiations and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 12:17 PM.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Johnson

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

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The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 12:02 PM and reconvened the Open Session at 12:13 PM with no action taken except to go back into open session.

UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FUTURE BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: Advance in person voting is open in the County Clerk's Office from 8:00 until 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday until November 2, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Item Two: October 30th, 2020 and October 31st, 2020 – Advance in person voting sites at Meadowbrook Mall and Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg will be open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Item Three: November 3, 2020 – General Election Day. All polling locations will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Item Four: October 27, 2020 – Last day to mail Advance Ballots.

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 [October 23, 2020](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 12:17 PM 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 10/23/2020 12:17 PM/amended BKW 10/26/2020 4:15 PM](#)